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Bird flu confirmed at Abbotsbury Swannery

by Trevor Bevins

NINE cases of bird flu have been confirmed in swans at Abbotsbury Swannery.

Abbotsbury Tourism General Manager John Houston said that the welfare of the birds and of Swannery staff was a top priority.

He said: "Cases of avian flu have been reported in wild birds in Europe and in a number of locations across the UK.

"The current H5N8 strain of bird flu is of very low risk to public health and has never transferred to humans, but the wellbeing of the swans and other birds that visit the Swannery is paramount.

"The swannery is currently closed to the public for the winter and is not due to reopen until March. Current access to the site is therefore restricted to staff members only.

"We are closely monitoring the health of the swans and our staff are taking all necessary precautionary measures as advised."

Members of the public are encouraged to report dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks), or other dead wild birds such as gulls or birds of prey, to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77.

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LOCAL artist Mike Taylor was born in Birmingham. He has had a varied career, which has included working for Wilkinson's and MFI as well as working backstage among Birmingham's famous theatres.

As an artist his subjects have included Aston Villa football players and in the past he has drawn a cartoon strip for a local newspaper.

Mr Taylor moved to Weymouth in the 1980s with his family where he continued his art, spending 20 years painting on the seafront for tourists, and he hasn't looked back since.

His work can be found at Portland Lighthouse and Waterstones, Dorchester.

60 SECOND INTERVIEW

● WHERE do you live?
I live in Osmington, a small village between Dorchester and Weymouth. Two hundred years ago this year the artist John Constable stayed at the vicarage here on his honeymoon. When I walk my dog Alfie I love the fact that I am walking past the same thatched cottages that he did.

● SO are you a John Constable fan?
Very much so. I recently did a display of his work and life story that ran for a few weeks at the Riviera Hotel near where he painted his famous Weymouth Bay. This was very well received. People loved seeing some his work they had never seen before and hearing about his interesting life. Actually his life would make a terrific film.

● WHY did you come to Weymouth?
I came here with my wife Carole and son Matthew in 1988 on holiday and fell in love with the place. There was an excitement and vibrancy about the seafront that I wanted to be part of. I went on the seafront in 1990 as an artist tourist attraction for the next 20 years.

● DID you enjoy your 20 years on the esplanade?
It was great fun. I think Weymouth had more confidence in those days. I remember they said the Tall Ships [Race] would be a disaster, but Weymouth pulled it off with aplomb. Rod Stewart singing *Sailing* as the tall ships left Weymouth is one of my very happy memories.

● WHERE are your favourite places in Weymouth?
I think Greenhill Gardens look wonderful with their Victorian lamp standards and Brewer's Quay with its harbour, cobbled streets and amazing buildings.

● WHAT would you change?
I would bring back the fairy lights. When they went we lost our brand. The other change would be to get rid of the old council offices.

● HOW would you pay for the lights?
People would pay £25 for a certificate from the council saying that on a certain day at a certain time, the fairy lights would be twinkling just for them. You would buy this certificate for your friends or families' birthday, wedding or anniversary.

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Concerns town could lose identity

By Trevor Bevins

THE president of an historic Weymouth charity has warned that the borough could lose its identity under proposed local government changes.

"My much loved home town of Weymouth has a long and rich history, which does not deserve to be subsumed into a large anonymous local government area," said Chief Ranger of the Ancient Order of Foresters, Michel Hooper-Immins.

His comments came at the annual dinner of the Honorary Court Highclere No. 1 Weymouth of the Ancient Order of Foresters, attended by Borough Mayor, Richard Kosior and Mayoress Caroline Churchill.

Said Mr Hooper-Immins: "I fear that Weymouth - a self-governing Borough since the charter of Queen Elizabeth I in 1571 - will lose its unique identity and end up being submerged in a new super council."

The feelings were backed by fellow Forester, Alderman Andy Hutchings: "Weymouth and Portland must not lose our identity in any merger of local authorities- we will need a strong town council…

"We live in a great borough, I have lived and worked here all my life, becoming a borough councillor for 24 years," continued Alderman Hutchings, "and have lived in the same house for 65 years."

He and Michel Hooper-Immins, the new Chief Ranger, had been friends for over 50 years, he revealed. "In the swinging sixties, we used to run the famous dances at the Rock Hotel, called the Rising Sun Club, after the Animals hit song. The admission charge started at two shillings and sixpence - half a crown - which went up to three shillings and sixpence in time."

In his speech to the group Councillor Kosior spoke of the importance of the voluntary sector in the borough.

Since becoming Mayor, he had seen for himself the huge amount of voluntary work carried out by various organisations in Weymouth and Portland.

He said the Foresters took it as a duty to support their fellow men. The Mayor thanked Honorary Court Highclere for their generous support of his Christmas Fund, which gives seasonal help to local people who most need it.

Proposing the toast to the Chief Ranger, George Pering made a point of thanking the members' ladies, who did so much to help and support the organisation.

A total of £220 was raised in the raffle, towards the Chief Ranger's charity, the British Heart Foundation.

The Chief Ranger addressed a particular welcome to Bill White, "one of the best councillors that Weymouth has ever had".

The Honorary Court has met in Weymouth four times a year since October 1887, when it was founded by Pelly Hooper, Town Clerk of Weymouth & Melcombe Regis for over 20 years.

Councillor John Dean from Chickerell is the new Sub Chief Ranger (Vice President) and will take over the presidency next year.

CHIEF Ranger Michel Hooper-Immins [right] presents the cheque for £150 to Councillor Richard Kosior, Mayor of Weymouth and Portland, for the Mayor's Christmas Fund.

Photograph by Hugh Chalker

Community networking lunch for volunteers

PEOPLE are being invited to the next Volunteers Community Lunch which will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at St Aldhelms Church hall in Spa Road, Weymouth, from 11.15am-1.30pm.

Weymouth and Portland community development officer Julie Hursthouse said it would be a great opportunity to network with new people.

She added: "We will make sure that people take something away with them on the day even if it is only a smile!

"We will be having two small presentations, hopefully one from Live Well Dorset and an opportunity for people to have their say on the new NHS changes in service.

"A buffet lunch will be provided free of charge, but please would people kindly let us know if they are intending to come along for catering purposes.

"All we ask from you is to come along with a positive outlook on how you can work in partnership with others.

"If people are happy for us to share their contact details with others then please let us know before the event so we can print off contact details for you all."

Julie can be reached on 01305 838497 or 07980 730029.

Pubs to re-open?

A WEYMOUTH town centre pub, which has been closed for a year, could soon re-open.

The Duke of Cornwall in St Edmund Street, close to the harbour, has applied for a new premises licence.

Also applying is another Weymouth pub, the Duke of Albany in Park Street.

The Duke of Cornwall is asking to open from11am until 2am every day and the Duke of Albany from mid-day to midnight Sunday to Thursday and until 2am on Friday and Saturday,

Both applications have met with objections from near neighbours concerning the possibility of noise and disturbance.

Both applications will be decided by the Borough's licensing committee on January 12th.

Pictured is the Duke of Cornwall pub when it closed in December 2015.

Teddy bears to raise funds for Musical Extravaganza

AT the very first 2017 meeting of the Melcombe Regis Rotary Club, a surprise presentation was made by Nigel J Gauder (pictured centre) the sponsor of a musical event to be held at Weymouth Pavilion in February.

The 'Musical Extravaganza' being held at the Weymouth Pavilion on the 25th February 2017 to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. And to help raise funds, the rotary club presented with a great number of teddy-bears that were received with much excitement by the club's members and would be put to use to generate funds during the year.

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Thank you!

Bridport Disabled Carers & Friends Club would like to thank Bridport Lions Club for sponsoring our outing to Bripdort Pantomine, Thankyou.

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NO SOLAR PANELS: Rampisham Down is home to typical acid grassland flora

Rampisham Down saved as proposed solar farm moves across the road

RARE plants and a two year campaign have stopped a massive solar farm being built on the former BBC transmitter site at Rampisham.

But the area is still likely to see a solar site – on the opposite side of the road.

Dorset Wildlife Trust's chief executive, Dr Simon Cripps said: "DWT is the first to applaud British Solar Renewables' sensible decision not to develop their solar power station on Rampisham Down. This nationally important wildlife site will now continue to be protected. Many conservationists were concerned that if this site was built on, other SSSI designated sites in the UK would be undermined and at risk as a result."

The decision comes after two years of campaigning by the trust supported by Natural England, the RSPB, the Dorset Campaign to Protect Rural England, and others.

There was anger amongst objectors when preparatory work started on the site prior to planning permission being granted – although it was quickly halted.

The Down is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a legally protected area of rare acid grassland and of national importance.

Despite this and dozens of objections West Dorset planners gave permission in January 2015 to British Solar Renewables to build a 25MW solar power plant on the former BBC site.

Dorset Wildlife Trust launched a petition which over 10,000 people signed, asking for the decision to be re-considered by the then Communities Minister, Eric Pickles.

By June 2015 the decision was 'called in' by the Government and it was announced that a public inquiry would take place to decide the fate of the site. In the interim the developer, British Solar Renewables, had a change of heart and sought planning permission for the alternative site, which was approved on December 22nd 2016.

"We would also like to thank DWT's members and supporters who spoke up for wildlife and helped us raise awareness to save the site from development. This is a huge victory for nature conservation, for DWT and our partners, for BSR and the solar power industry. It opens the door for future collaboration to benefit both wildlife and business," said Dr Cripps.

"DWT recognises the need to develop renewable energy projects and has never been against solar energy development, but in this case we needed to speak up for such a special site, legally protected as a SSSI. We always said that we are supportive of the alternative location, which is far more suitable for a solar power plant."

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Globe drinkers raise £500 for lifeboat

WEYMOUTH publican Mike Carter, landlord of the Globe Inn, East Street, has presented the town's lifeboat team with £500.

The money was raised by the pub's customers in a number of ways – including a weekly bonus ball game, an auction of donated prizes and a collection on music nights.

Mike made the donation to RNLI Mechanic Phil Hansford who thanked Mike and the pub's customers.

SOME of the 2016 March in March participants wearing the medals, with Diane Bentley on the far right

Go for a march in March

WELDMAR Hospicecare's sponsored "March in March" event takes place this year on Saturday, March 18th at 11am.

The event is a six mile walk between Portland and Weymouth - starting and finishing at Osprey Leisure Centre.

The family event is also open to four legged friends.

Diane Bentley, Community Fundraiser for Weldmar said: "This event is fun for the whole family and has such a great atmosphere.

"It is an annual sponsored walk in our calendar of events and it's a great opportunity to enjoy a lovely fresh walk while meeting like-minded people along the route.

"There will be a face painter on hand before the event starts and after the walk there's a chance to browse around a few stalls and have your photo taken with Weldbaa, our Weldmar Mascot."

Every penny that is raised by the participants of "March In March" will go towards caring for Weldmar's patients and their loved ones across Dorset - enabling Weldmar to continue to provide end of life care to patients in their own homes, at Weldmar's Wellbeing Centres or as inpatients at Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester.

For more information, and to sign up for Weldmar's March in March visit www.weldhospice.org.uk/ marchinmarch or call 01305-261800.

Course for perpetrators of domestic abuse

A NEW course for the perpetrators of domestic abuse is starting in the Weymouth and Portland area.

It will be offered to both men and women where there is a risk of harm within families where there is domestic abuse.

The course has operated successfully in the Portsmouth area and is being brought to the Weymouth and Portland by Dorset Families Matter and Safer Poole, working in partnership with Portsmouth City Council to deliver the Up2U programme.

The programme provides assessment led intervention tailored to the individual based on research and practice successfully used in offender rehabilitation, motivational interviewing and attachment theory.

The programme can be delivered to those who use abusive behaviours in heterosexual as well as same sex relationships.

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Craft fayre nets £111 for dementia group

A CRAFT fayre and fundraising event has raised £111.50 for Weymouth and Portland Dementia Action Alliance committee.

The donation came from East Boro Housing Trust who held the event at Weymouth Community Safety Centre last month.

Pictured here receiving the cheque is Weymouth and Portland community development officer Julie Hursthouse (right).

Fund for young sporting stars

THE Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset, Mr Angus Campbell with Dorset Community Foundation trustees

THE Lord-Lieutenant's Fund "Young and Talented", is now open for applications.

It has been set up and managed by local charity Dorset Community Foundation.

The fund will support, with grants of up to £1,000, local young people (aged 14-21) with exceptional sporting talents.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset, Mr Angus Campbell who is behind the fund explained: "The Lord-Lieutenant's Fund was set up to support local young people with a variety of talents and for the first round we will focus on supporting those with sporting talents.

"My fund will help young people who are particularly financially or socially disadvantaged – it will help 'level the playing field' so to speak."

The £1,000 grants will pay for things such as kit/clothing costs, competition fees, coaching, travel costs and accommodation.

Applicants must have an exceptional sporting talent which has been recognised or acknowledged by the appropriate National Governing Body.

As part of the assessment applicants may have to attend an informal interview. The fund will close for applications at noon on February 7th.

To find out more or to apply please visit the Foundation's website www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org.

Booking now open for assisted holidays

DORSET residents with a disability are being invited to put their names forward for a holiday at the Holton Lee centre on the shores of Poole Harbour.

A local charity, offers six weekly holidays each year, at accessible accommodation for up to five people at a time.

The holidays were previously offered on Green Island, in the harbour, but have now moved to Holton Lee.

"On each holiday a maximum of five holidaymakers stay alongside a dedicated and experienced team of volunteers who provide 24 hour care and support. Therefore, the holidays not only provide a break for the guests but also respite for their carers," said organiser Wendy Aubrey.

"We are currently accepting applications for six holiday weeks in 2017; two in May, two in July and two in September. We consider applications from adults with any disability. Further information is available on our website at www.greenislandholidaytrust.com."

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Volunteers needed

VOLUNTEERS are being invited to help with a range of tasks at Dorchester's Community Farm.

Work groups are being held on Sunday 22nd and 29th from 11am until 3pm.

The warm can be found just behind Parkway Farm Business Centre off Middle Farm Way, Poundbury.

This Saturday, January 14th the group will be holding their annual Wassail at the Railway Orchard from 11am until 1pm.

All welcome to join in and sing, bang drums, eat apple cake and generally have some good community fun.

For further information about either event email - farm@transitiontowndorchester.org

Town crier talk

DORCHESTER'S champion town crier, Alistair Chisholm, will be the speaker at the Charlton Down Local History Group next week.

He will be talking about 'Dorset's Town Criers' at the meeting on Wednesday, January 18th, at 7.30pm in the village hall at Sherren Avenue.

The meeting is open to non-members.

Glass exhibition

A DORCHESTER stained glass artist opens an exhibition of his work in St Peter's Church this week.

Jon Callan's exhibition will be open from this Friday, January 13th, to Monday January 23rd.

Mr Callan came to Dorchester after training in traditional glass painting and contemporary glass design at Swansea college of Art. He continued his training with in Oslo, New York, and at Bath Art College.

A former stained glass advise to the Diocese of Salisbury his clients have include the Dioceses of Salisbury, Bath and Wells, Winchester and Portsmouth, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, the Royal Palaces, English Heritage, the National Trust and private individuals.

Support for Artsreach

ARTSREACH board members, Blanchards Bailey partners and the cast from the recent production, Kali Theatre's 'My Big fat Cowpat Wedding'

LOCAL solicitors Blanchards Bailey has announced its continued partnership with Dorset's rural touring arts organisation Artsreach throughout 2017 - helping bring high quality events to the community.

The announcement comes following a successful partnership during the autumn season that has delivered more than 60 performances at a variety of venues across Dorset.

Alan Horne, Principal and Chief Executive at Blanchards Bailey, said: "We look forward to extending our relationship with Artsreach throughout 2017 after being impressed by all the great work the group has undertaken within the community during the autumn.

"We are pleased to continue our support which will benefit the community by making culture and arts available to all."

Kerry Bartlett, Co-Director at Artsreach, said: "We are grateful for the support of Blanchards Bailey and look forward to extending our partnership through 2017.

"Our efforts will help ensure the people of Dorset enjoy quality arts thanks to the help of a great local business."

Just days remain to apply for primary school places

JUST a couple of days remain for parents of children starting primary school this year to apply for their child's reception place.

More than a thousand Dorset children due to start school in September have not yet had an application submitted for them.

Children born between September 1st, 2012 and August 31st, 2013 should start school in September 2017. Parents have until this Friday, January 15th, to apply for their place.

Dorset County Council handles school admissions for the county and is reminding parents that they must apply now to be in with a chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

Councillor Deborah Croney, the county council's Cabinet member for learning and skills, said: "We are encouraging parents of children starting school in September to send us their applications by the deadline. Starting school is a major milestone in a child's life and applying late may affect your chances of getting a place at your preferred school."

To apply online visit www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions.

If you apply online you can view the result of your application on dorsetforyou.com from April 18th.

Junior Parkrun appeal

AN appeal to start a junior parkrun in Weymouth has reached the half-way point.

£3,000 is needed to get the event underway on a 2km course every Sunday.

Weymouth already has a successful 5km parkrun every Saturday morning at 9am around Lodmoor Country Park.

The events are free and run by volunteers as part of a national initiative to improve health by encouraging people to run.

Around half of the set-up costs for the junior run have been donated by Saturday runners with a donation of £500 from ASM Engineering on the Granby industrial estate..

A donation site has been set up at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/junior-parkrun-weymouth.

Rotary quiz night

POUNDBURY Rotary Club is holding a Quiz Night this Friday, January 13th in the Brownsword Hall in aid of Home Start, West Dorset and the Rotary Foundation.

With a 7pm for 7.30pm start teams can be up to six with tickets costing £5 per person from Sam Cook at Parkers Property (telephone: 340860); email: s.cook@parkersproperty.com.

Elvis anniversary

ELVIS Presley will be making a return to the Evergreens Cinema when his 1960 musical GI Blues gets a special screening this Wednesday, January 11th, as part of Age UK Dorchester's own 40th anniversary year and the anniversary of the singer's death.

Elvis, an Evergreens favourite, will be rocking up a storm as well as singing some beautiful ballads including his big hit Wooden Heart, when he portrays an American GI doing a tour of duty in Germany.

The cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits will be served during the showing, for just £1.50. Ice creams will also be available.

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A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Staying warm this winter

HOW elderly people can stay warm is the theme for this week's Growing Old Disgracefully.

Two methods find favour with pensioners, the orchid approach and the hedgehog approach.

Those who follow the orchid approach turn their central heating up to hothouse levels. This seriously damages the health of anyone who visits them, not from the excessive heat but from heart attacks suffered when the door is answered by a male pensioner in sagging jockey shorts or a female pensioner in drawers and a drooping bra!

The alternative is the hedgehog approach where the pensioner simply piles every sheet, blanket and coverlet they own into a giant heap on the bed before crawling underneath it all for a spot of hibernation.

Both ideas have their merits. It is up to the pensioner to choose whether they go bankrupt from their staggering power bill or whether they make a nest and miss three months of trying to spot their belongings on the Antiques Roadshow!

Light at the end of the tunnel for museum?

CAN you remember when Weymouth Museum operated from a building near the town side entrance to Westham Bridge?

The atmospheric structure was packed with history, but cramped for space with many exhibits never seeing the light of day.

A lot has happened since that time – not all of it good – but there does now seem to be light at the end of a very long tunnel with the news that Brewers Quay has been sold, that development is now poised to go ahead and that at long last Weymouth will get the museum it has been trying to create for decades.

A while ago I was lucky enough to clamber around storage areas containing thousands of museum exhibits, a veritable treasure trove of items spanning the centuries.

Only a fraction has been able to go on display but all this will change if the old Devenish Brewery site is fully developed.

Yes, there will have to be things such as apartments, restaurants and shops to pay the redevelopment bill, but there will also be a golden chance to create a much bigger museum and display this town's treasures in the manner they deserve.

Sadly I have also been round hidden areas of this giant building deep in debris and muck, areas where the rain and the pigeons almost come in at will, areas where the building fabric is clearly under threat.

The new owners, Versant Developments & Homes, say they hope to start building later this year subject to planning permission.

They also rightly point out that Brewers Quay's future is on a knife's edge because if this scheme meets delays then there will come a point where the cost of repairs outweighs what the scheme can achieve which would be a desperately sad end for such an historic site.

I hope there aren't too many chiefs and not enough Indians

IT'S a new year and residents are already chewing over the possibility that Weymouth town centre could soon have a manager appointed to look after it.

The idea is being discussed in tandem with the town's Business Improvement District and we are told that duties could include making sure that vehicles don't use pedestrian areas.

Unfortunately the dreaded question of funding such a position is merely one of the issues that need to be ironed out.

And if this position is ever to be created with teeth in it, a position which can actually achieve something, then I'd respectfully suggest that it needs to focus on something a bit more useful than making sure drivers stick to the areas they are supposed to.

How about more street benches, better and more accurate signage for attractions and points of interest and a much more pro-active approach to either filling empty shops or at least making them more attractive.

As one councillor has already told me, we don't need yet another tier of "management" because this town already has too many chiefs and not enough Indians.

So if Weymouth is to get a manager then I hope that the structure of the post is carefully thought through, preferably with a bit more attention to detail than was given to the sale of the council offices!

■ AND so the January sales are running their course with shoppers sneering at anything less than 50 per cent off.

There is even a hard-core cadre of elite bargain hunters so cynical that, far from paying for an item, they almost expect stores to pay them. Then there is me.

Perhaps I'm not vicious enough, perhaps I'm too polite and perhaps I still have vestiges of reality left which enable me to ask "Do I really need this?" instead of just bellowing "Gimme!"

The result has been family shock that I have been involved in two "sales" trips so far and have successfully returned without buying a single item.

OK, there was a pair of battery-operated high tech Y-fronts that I briefly flirted with, but the selling spiel claimed the garment would self-tighten to fit any male shape. Just thoughts of a malfunction involving the family jewels sent a shudder down my spine and I walked away.

Fortunately – as a noted local trendsetter – I don't really need to make a fresh fashion statement thanks to the tasteful Christmas jumper I received and even now am wearing.

It shows Rudolph sporting the latest Christmas tree ornaments dangling from his antlers with large snowflakes falling all around. You won't find high class garments like that in the sales!

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Students impress on the slopes

THE bi-annual Wey valley School ski trip provided a fantastic week of skiing and snowboarding in the Italian Alps for students and teachers.

A total of 36 students and five members of staff travelled to the Italian town of Courmayeur, in the Aosta Valley, northern Italy.

At an elevation of 1,224 m above sea level, it is located at the foot of the southern side of Mont Blanc, and at 4,810m the highest point in the Alps and Western Europe.

Mr Salmon, PE teacher and trip leader for the school, said it was another great school ski trip.

He said: "It was a week of great snow in the Alps, it allowed all abilities to progress throughout the week under glorious blue skies and sun.

"Students were split into ability groups and this allowed them to make swift progress from the beginners' slopes to more advanced Blue, Red and Black Runs.

"The instructors were very impressed with the students passion and commitment to learning throughout the week and all students were skiing using linked turns by the end of the week.

"The most improved skiers were - Beginners 1 Francessca Longdon, Beginners 2 James Knapper, Intermediate Tyler Baker, Intermediate Mollie Light, Advanced Max Hooper Greenhill, Snow Board Beginner – Joel Manning, Snowboard Advanced – Sam Anesty."

As well as skiing, a number of students took to snowboards with Kai Luke gaining the highest snowboard award that Interski award for ability. Tommy Lockwood and Jack Davenport were also selected for nomination to Interski's Scholarship Award. If successful they will be invited to take up a coaching award with the firm, which also includes a winter season in the Aosta Valley.

Mr Salmon paid tribute to the Interski team and staff on the trip for their support and guidance to the student group.

He said: "Skiing is a fantastic active holiday which offers our students many learning opportunities. The trip also offers a cultural experience, organisational and independent skills, language skills in a foreign country and meeting new friends.

"Students also ice skated in the Olympic Ice Rink, experienced an evening at a traditional pizza and ice cream parlour and had a tour of the historic town.

"The school is now planning for a return visit in 2018."

Town Bridge repairs

URGENT repairs to the stonework of Weymouth Town Bridge will put the structure out of action this week.

The road under the arch on the town side will be closed this Thursday, January 12th between 10am and 2pm for repairs to a large crack discovered in the masonry.

The closure has been ordered because there is risk stonework could fall while the work goes ahead.

Drink driving offences

A FURTHER 23 people have been charged with drink driving offences as part of Dorset Police's Christmas drink and drug drive campaign.

They are due to appear at courts in Bournemouth and Weymouth in January.

A total of 54 people were charged with drink or drug driving-related offences during the campaign, which ran between Thursday, December 1st 2016 and Sunday, January 1st 2017.

Charity 'neon run'

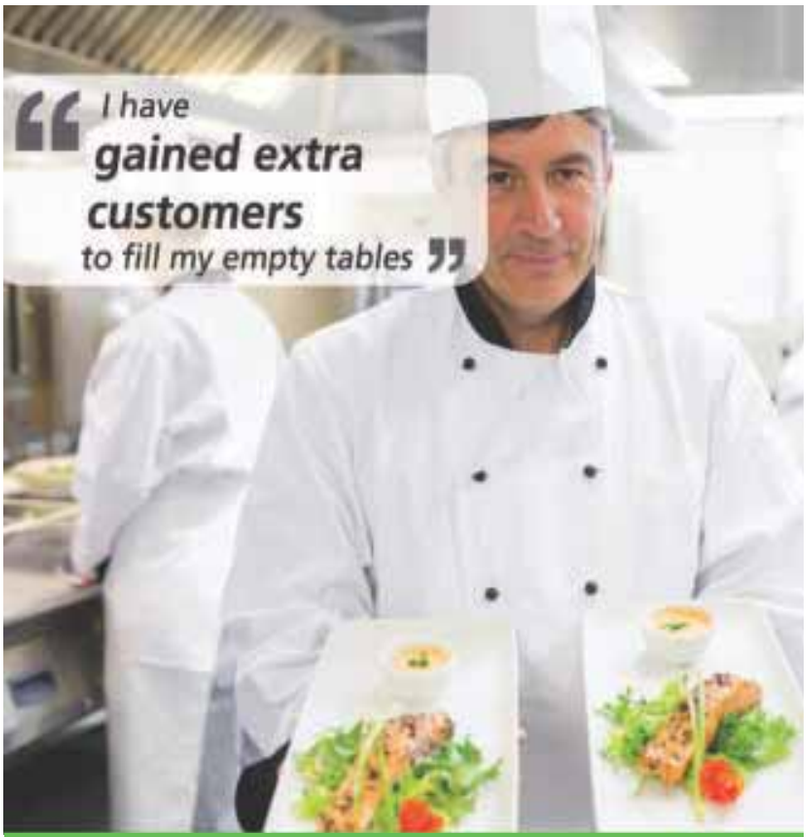
A NIGHTTIME 'neon run' is being planned for Weymouth's Lodmoor Park in September.

The event, over a 5km course, will raise money for the Diverse Abilities charity, which supports children and adults with disabilities.

Those taking part will be quipped glow sticks, bracelets and neon paint to help light up the night.

The event will be open to anyone over the age of 12 and participants the entry costs will also include a branded t-shirt.

To learn more about the evening visit www.dorsetneonrun.com for more information.



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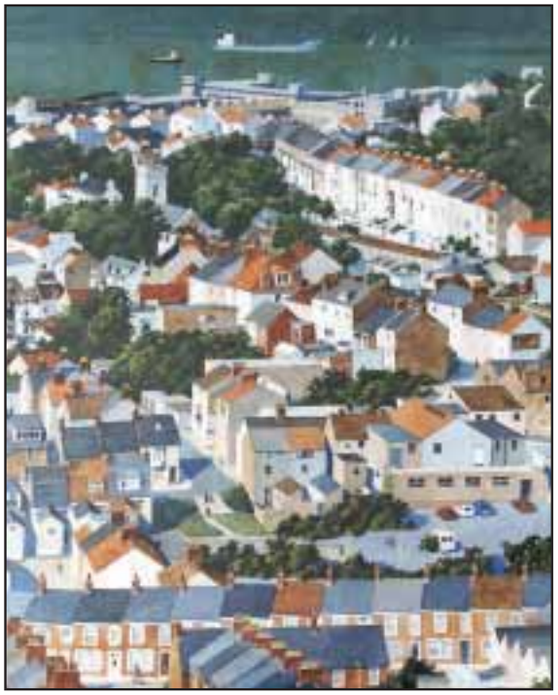

"PORTLAND Roofscape" by Ron Jetsy, guide price £100-150, considered by the artist to be one of best pictures

Local artist's work comes to auction

A COLLECTION of work from the studio of a noted local painter of Somerset and Dorset subjects is coming up for sale at Lawrences in Crewkerne on January 20th.

All the pictures are by Ron Jesty (1926-2016), who was born in Weymouth in 1926.

He trained to be a draughtsman and a graphic designer and worked in that field for 30 years, producing neatly drawn and finely coloured designs for advertising and exhibitions.

Jesty pursued painting in watercolour as a hobby, but took it up full time in 1978 at the age of 52, becoming a member of the Royal Society of British Artists in 1982, and he worked principally in Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall as well as making occasional trips to Scotland.

A regular exhibitor at the Royal West of England and occasionally at the Royal Academy and Royal Watercolour Society too, Jesty also showed his work in many one man shows in the West Country.

A PHOTOGRAPH of Mr Jetsy

The selection on offer comprises 25 lots, including individual framed works as well as folios of unframed sketches.

One lot even contains sketches, his easel, a pot of his brushes and a wad of press cuttings (£100-£200).

"LOBSTER" from a folio of 45 works estimated at £200-400

It's snow joke! Mayoress to dress as snowman for charity

DORCHESTER Mayoress Anita Harries will be spending 24-hours dressed as a Snowman this week to raise money for a charity working with local families.

The Friday 13th challenge is in aid of Home-Start West Dorset's Snowflake Appeal.

Anita is hoping to get at least 200 people to sponsor her at £1 each.

Donations can be made on-line at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/24HourSnowman or in person at the Town Council Office in North Square, Dorchester or at the Buttermarket Stores in Poundbury.

Home-Start West Dorset will also be raising further funds for the Snowflake Appeal by holding a Snowflake Play Day for young families on Sunday, January 22nd at Dorchester Community Nursery.

Home-Start West Dorset's aim is to enable parents to give their under-5s the best possible start in life. Volunteers work across West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland, providing support for families facing a range of difficulties through their unique home-visiting scheme, which matches trained parents with families in need of a helping hand.

Volunteers visit families at home for a few hours a week for as long as it takes, offering friendship, understanding, and a non-judgemental listening ear, empowering families to find their own solutions and improve their own children's life chances.

Collections raise £615 for Lions

CHARITY collections at Tesco and Lidl by Dorchester and District Lions raised £615.

The club says it wants to thank local people for their generosity in supporting Lions charities.

Potato Day returns

MAIDEN Newton's fourth annual potato day, gardeners' market and seed fair is to take place on Saturday, February 25th this year.

The event will be open from 10:30am until 2pm at the Village Hall in Station Road.

Maiden Newton Allotments Association and Pennard Plants organise the free community event with activities for children, local crafts and refreshments with gardening experts on hand for advice.

DORSET Year Book author Selwyn Williams

Second Dorset Year Book for editor Selwyn

The First World War, the centenary of the tank and the Battle of Jutland are among events commemorated in the 2017 Dorset Year Book.

Published by The Society of Dorset Men, the book contains more than 60 articles and features, historic and topical, on the life and times of Dorset people, events, towns and villages.

This is the second Dorset Year Book to be edited by Selwyn Williams, one of the Guardians of the Old Town Hall in Weymouth.

Mr Williams read physics at King's College, London and then went into banking. He later became Transportation Survey Manager at Dorset County Council. Mr Williams is a Freemason, involved in several other organisations, including singing with the Dorset Wrecks sea shanties group and Chairman of the Local Underwater Archaeological Research Society.

Since his first dive at age 15, Mr Williams has been fascinated by the many shipwrecks scattered in the waters around Weymouth and Portland. He has chronicled more than 300 ships sunk off Chesil Beach, some dating to before 1700.

Said Mr Williams: "With such a myriad of possible articles about Dorset, its people, history, flora, fauna and landscape, it is always with great anticipation that I open somebody's contribution to the year book. I hope, as I did, that the reader will find something interesting in all of them."

The 2017 Dorset Year Book has been sent free to all society members, but is now on sale at £8 from the tourist information centre at Dorchester, Books Afloat in Park Street, Weymouth, Waterstones at Dorchester and Bridport, Abbey Bookshop in Sherborne and Cards & Celebrations at Easton.

Individual Dorset Year Books can be ordered by post from Alderman Andy Hutchings at 23 Hereford Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 0QB at a cost of £10 - including UK postage. Please make cheques payable to The Society of Dorset Men.

The Society of Dorset Men was founded 112-years-ago on July 7th 1904. The society has a long and rich history, beginning as The Society of Dorset Men in London and aiming to bring together fellow Dorsets in the capital city. Since the 1950s, the main activities of the organisation are centred on Dorset. Today, there are around 1,200 members throughout the UK and all over the world.

Membership of The Society of Dorset Men costs £10 a year.

For further information, consult www.societyofdorsetmen.co.uk/page8.html or telephone Membership Secretary Peter Lush at 01305 260039.

New venue for knob throwing competition

ONE of Dorset's wackier events – the annual knob throwing contest – is to move to Kingston Maurward this April.

The event has been held for the past nine years at Cattistock, but organisers say its popularity means it was time to look for a new venue.

The event involves participants lobbing a locally made Dorset Knob spherical biscuit as far as they can.

Also incorporating a food festival it will be held this year at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester, on April 30th.

Organisers said the move was due to it having "outgrown the village". It attracted around 7,500 people in 2016.

The existing record holder, Dave Phillips, tossed his winning knob an astounding 29.4m (96ft) in 2012.

Other games at the festival include guess the weight of the big knob, knob archery, knob and spoon racing, pin the knob on the Cerne giant, and the knob eating cup.

Money raised by the event helps to support local groups including Maiden Newton Football Club and Cattistock Cricket Club.

The Dorset Knob biscuits are made by Moores of Morecombelake – traditionally eaten with Dorset Blue Vinny cheese, dipped in tea or cider, or taken with honey and cream, known as thunder and lightning.

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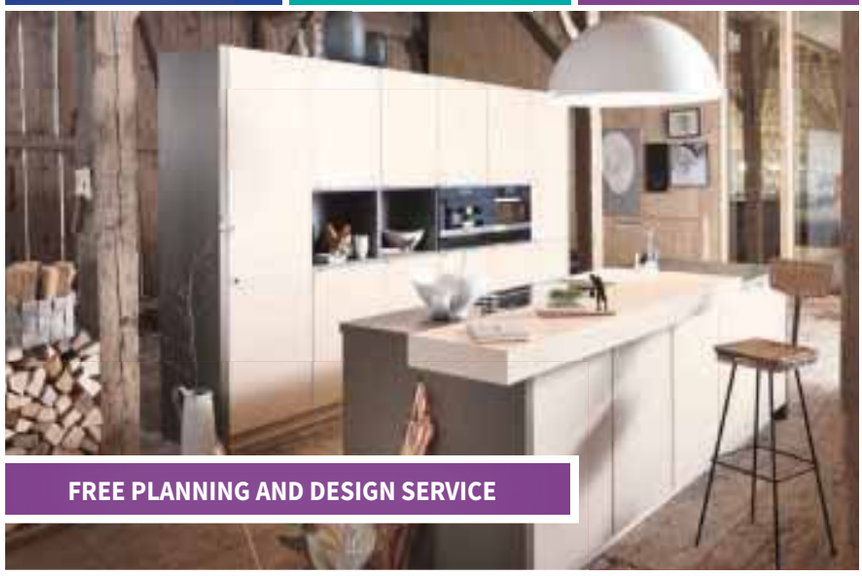
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The school enjoys a supportive and vibrant community of students and staff. The curriculum offers a wide range of high quality qualifications. In addition, students have the opportunity to study additional qualifications, undertake enrichment activities and gain valuable work experience.

The school are introducing, new for 2017, an increased range of professional pathway qualifications. These courses will broaden the choices and opportunities available to students at the Thomas Hardye Sixth Form; more information about all of their courses is available on their website. Applications should be made via their website and the initial deadline for these is Friday 13th January. All applications will be reviewed and students invited to a meeting to discuss the application further.

The school continues to have high expectations of all their students, and will work with students towards ambitious targets as the students experience the joy of learning. Official data shows that their students consistently make outstanding progress and achieve better grades than would be predicted based on their GCSE results; this data puts them in the top 10% of sixth form providers across the country.

Chard School

CHARD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP DAY

SITUATED in Grade 2* listed buildings in the heart of a bustling market town, Chard School has been opening its doors to children from the surrounding area since 1671. Over the past 50 years the school has transformed itself from a boys-only secondary school to a family-orientated prep school, taking both boys and girls through from Reception to Year 6. Small classes and specialist teachers ensure the education programme the school delivers is highly personal, and while the school unashamedly places a focus on the three R's, it also encourages all pupils to take part in the flourishing programme of extra-curricular activities.

After Year 6 Pupils move on to a range of local schools, both state and independent, and, most recently, our leavers have been awarded scholarships for academic, musical, sporting and all-round achievement. Our website gives a very good insight into what we do, although it is no substitute for visiting us and seeing the school at work! Open Mornings are held regularly throughout the year and personal tours can also be arranged through the School Office.

Chard School will be holding a Scholarship Day on Monday 6th February 2017. Pupils currently in Years 2 to 4, who wish to enrol in 2017, may apply. Four scholarships will be awarded to children whose talents will enrich the academic, musical, artistic or sporting life of Chard School. Means-tested bursaries are also available. If you would like to enter your child for an award, please contact the School Secretary on 01460 63234 or office@chardschool.co.uk to request an information pack and application form. The closing date for applications is 27th January 2017.

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The Woodroffe School

Skills After School

Now that the UCAS applications have all been sent for our Year 13s, attention turns to preparing them for life after A Levels. The dedicated Year 13 Tutor team have put together a range of "Life Skills" sessions to help prepare our students for the years ahead. These sessions include: Survival cooking, Life abroad, Personal Finance and Health and Wellbeing. The students will spend 3 weeks on each topic where they will be given the basic tools required to equip them for life's possibilities.

In 'Survival Cooking' they are taught how to cook and eat healthily, and on a budget, under the guidance and supervision of a visiting chef. In the first session they made hearty vegetable soups and accompanying soda bread, and will go on to make curries and pasta bakes. Head Boy George Chantler was amazed to receive feedback from another Year 13 who commented that his soup was "rich in flavour and actually surprisingly edible!".

The 'Personal Finance' sessions will help prepare students for the challenge of managing their own finances when away at university, or in the world of work. It will cover advice on how to save and budget accordingly, as well as a look ahead at property rental and purchasing. 'Life Abroad' will help prepare our students with the important factors to consider when preparing for overseas travelling, as well advice and guidance on how to successfully apply to study and/or work overseas. In 'Health and Wellbeing', students will be introduced to a range of techniques that they can use to help manage the pressure and stresses of exam preparation and the many challenges that life can present. Today, too many young people are seriously affected by mental health issues and we are keen to show them ways of managing stress and pressure.

Life in the 6th Form is about far more than simply working towards exams; our aim is to support the students by giving them advice and guidance on what to expect after 6th Form, so they will hopefully leave here feeling confident to face the challenges before them, and enter the working world as well-rounded individuals.

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George
Woodroffe Sixth Form provides me with everything I need; **a friendly, fun atmosphere** and an environment where I'm challenged and encouraged to work hard and apply my knowledge.

Curtis
I came to Woodroffe from elsewhere and struggled to keep up with my A levels but with the help of Mrs Cropp, the Sixth Form librarian, I'm managing quite well. The **students made me welcome and the social life is great.**

Alice
Being academically able isn't a bad thing at Woodroffe - you're not shoved into a box labelled nerd. I take part in all areas including music, sport and drama while still being pushed to my full potential. **Oxbridge wasn't a closed door just because I was at a state school,** in fact I was given all help needed to get there.

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Crowdfunding campaign helps boost habitats for dormouse

DURING 42 days, 85 backers pledged more than £2,000 on the Dorset Wildlife Trust's 'Help Our Dormouse Sleep Soundly' campaign.

And thanks to a unique partnership between UK#1 Crowdfunder and Dorset County Council, the project was also awarded £1,000 of local government funding during the process.

The success of the fundraiser will enable Dorset Wildlife Trust to work with young people to arrange volunteering days focusing on hedgerow and woodland management. These events will lead to scout groups and local community groups taking part in dormouse surveys and laying new hedges to create and maintain habitat, allowing dormice to thrive.

Through education, Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) aimed to inspire the next generation about the natural world, alongside funding vital conservation work to benefit dormouse habitat in Dorset.

Dorset County Council's partnership with Crowdfunder that made the difference to this crucial project for Dorset's wildlife using the power of the crowd to fill the funding gaps to continue to protect wildlife, habitat, and Dorset's wild places.

The council has £200,000 ring-fenced to fund inspired community projects which give young people places to go and things to do right across the county.

MORE than £2,000 has been pledged to the Dorset Wildlife Trust's 'Help Our Dormouse Sleep Soundly' campaign through Crowdfunder

Crowdfunder is an online tool which allows project owners the opportunity to ask the public for pledges of money in return for 'rewards', which can be a product, benefit or service. Crowdfunder also offers a range of different additional funding from Local Authorities and organisations like Arts Council England, Santander and Origin Housing. Projects that meet the funding criteria could unlock an additional pledge to help them hit their funding target.

DWT's Area Manager for West Dorset, Sam Hamer, said, "This funding is vital in supporting the work of DWT as we continue to engage young people in the importance of hedgerow habitats and their management. Encouraging the younger generation to take ownership of their local wildlife sites is fundamental to securing the biodiversity of our County. We aim to support young people in the learning and use of practical skills as this is one of the best ways that young people are able to help in supporting our ongoing conservation work."

Stuart Riddle, Dorset County Council, added: "Dorset County Council is committed to supporting social action and volunteering by young people – it benefits young people by helping them to develop skills and confidence, and the community benefits from their input. This is a great project which will help to protect Dorset's unique landscape and wildlife, while giving young people a chance to acquire rural craft skills."

"We are delighted at the success of this wildlife project. It's good to know dormice in Dorset will be able to sleep a little more soundly as a result of this crowdfund. It's also great to enable kids to get more involved with nature," said Dawn Bebe, Local Partnerships Director, Crowdfunder.

"Crowdfunder is keen to help with more fundraising activities for wildlife across the UK at a local or national level."

School memories wanted

PUPILS and staff at Beechcroft St Paul's Primary School in Weymouth in 1992

BEECHCROFT St Paul's Primary School in Weymouth is celebrating the fact that there has been a school on the site for 25 years.

An event is being held on February 8th for former pupils, parents and staff.

Beechcroft Infant School grew from Cromwell Road Infant School which then developed into Beechcroft St Paul's CE VA Primary School.

Julia Moore, Chair of Governors, says it was on April 17th 1991, that Beechcroft Infant School, formerly Cromwell Road Infant School, opened its doors to pupils for the first time. It was officially opened on July 17th 1992 and in 2003 it grew into Beechcroft St Paul's CE VA Primary School.

"To celebrate the 25 years of Beechcroft and then Beechcroft St Paul's the school is holding a 25th Anniversary day on February 8th. We would be delighted to hear from former pupils, staff and governors about their memories of the school, particularly about the development of the new building and when the school opened.

"Any memorabilia, photos, old exercise books reports or stories from the past 25 years can be brought into school or sent to memories25@beechcroft.dorset. sch.uk."

Record numbers for festive ice rink

RECORD numbers have skated on Weymouth's real ice rink last year with visitor numbers almost being double of those seen in 2015.

Nigel Reed, Manager of Weymouth BID said: "This year we have seen more than 4,000 people use the ice rink in Weymouth. Following valuable feedback from businesses and visitors last year we made a few alterations this year which have really helped in making the ice rink more popular.

"The rink is approximately 15 per cent bigger and we have extended the size and location of the Boot Exchange, we have larger chillers which can chill the rink to a temperature of -20 degrees centigrade and added an "Apres Skate" hut offering refreshments to skaters and visitors.

"The feedback from visitors has been very encouraging."

Road closure chaos

THE closure of one of Weymouth's main roads caused town centre traffic problems last week.

Westwey Road was closed northbound from the Asda roundabout on Wednesday 4th after a strong smell of gas was reported close to the gas holder.

Queues built up on Boot Hill, Wyke Road and North Quay while engineers investigate the problem.

The fault was not connected to the gas holder but to a mains pipe in the road, which was repaired and the road re-opened in late afternoon.

Problems were compounded by other road works in Abbotsbury Road and in Dorchester Road where Wessex Water's pipe replacement works had resumed on Tuesday after being halted for the Christmas break.

The company is spending £400,000 to replace ageing water mains along the road with new plastic pipes to prevent future bursts and interruptions to water supply. The work started in September and is due to finish at the end of February.

History talks resume

THE South Dorset branch of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society re-start their monthly talks in Weymouth on Friday, January 20th.

The first speaker of the year will be former local channel swimmer, Greg Schofield, whose subject will be Nurse Craven-Channel Swimmer.

The event will be held at the St. Aldhelm's Church Centre in Spa Rd starting with refreshments at 2pm and the talk at 2.30pm.

Rotary collections raise £2,350

MORE than £2,350 was raised for distribution to local charities through annual Christmas collections by Weymouth's Melcombe Regis Rotary Club.

Spokesman Bill White said: "Thanks are due to the management of Morrison's and ASDA supermarkets and Weymouth Football Club for facilitating these collections that raised a great total from such generous people."

For information about Melcombe Regis Rotary Club and its activities, Visit http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=561166&ClubID=1638, Melcombe Regis Facebook page or Google Melcombe Rotary.

Twinning events

WEYMOUTH and Portland Holzwickede Twinning Society have two events coming up this month.

The first on Friday, January 13th is their annual dinner at Weymouth Golf Club in Links Road at 7pm.

The second event on Tuesday, January 24th at 7.30pm will be the Society's annual general meeting which will be held in the new council offices in Commercial Road. All are welcome to attend.

Moose party

WEYMOUTH Moose hold their annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party this weekend at their Lodge in Chickerell Road, Weymouth.

The event, which includes a meal and entertainment, starts at 4pm on Saturday, January 14th.

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Saturday headliners for Camp Bestival announced

Madness

THE new year is already rocking, so Camp Bestival organisers couldn't wait any longer to unveil their incredible Saturday night headliners for Camp Bestival's landmark tenth festi-holiday jamboree – Madness!

It's going to be the family line-up of the year, with Friday night headliner Mark Ronson, School of Rock the Musical, Holly Johnson, All Saints, Leftfield, Louisa Johnson, Skream, David Rodigan, The Bootleg Beatles, Mr Tumble, Dick and Dom, and the Tudors on Tour already announced, there's still loads more fancy dress mayhem, music, theatre, family shows, fairground attractions, outdoor activities, poets, authors, comics and amazing food to be revealed for our Pop Stars and Rock Stars extravaganza this July 27th-30th at Lulworth Castle!

In a fetching pair of Baggy Trousers, curator Rob da Bank says: "Madness have always been up there in terms of rocking UK bands but weirdly the last few years has seen them get even better live. I've had the pleasure of listening to their music for the past four decades, DJing for their House of Common festi, warming up for them at this very same festival a few years back and being chased round the campsite by Suggs in the middle of the night. These guys are dangerous and we can't wait to get 'em back for Camp Bestival".

"Truly one of the best rock or pop bands that Britain has ever seen, we are very pleased indeed to announce that Madness will be Saturday night headliners at our tenth birthday bash. With their critically acclaimed top five album, Can't Touch Us Now, enjoying its ninth week on the official UK album chart, the nutty boys are in finest fettle and will take to the Castle Stage to treat the crowd to some full flavour party behaviour with their almost endless litany of classic pop, sing-along favourites and skanking wonders including Baggy Trousers, House of Fun, Wings of a Dove and many more. The very essence of good times, Madness will be unmissable on Saturday night at Camp Bestival!"

There's plenty more music, kids entertainment and family attractions to be announced, including one more headliner and lots more pop, rock and dance delights plus, seven arenas filled with amazing fun, delicious food & drink, relaxing therapies and top notch facilities catering for your family's needs, so keep your eyes peeled for more info coming soon and keep checking www.campbestival.net and our Facebook and Twitter for all the latest info.

Camp Bestival 2017 Weekend Tickets are on sale now via: ticketline.co.uk or on 0844 888 4410.

BSO's Kokoro ensemble to perform in Bridport

THE BSO's dedicated new music ensemble Kokoro will be performing a diverse programme of recent British works together with a 20th century Russian masterpiece by the brilliantly inventive Shostakovich on Saturday, January 14th. This will be Kokoro's first concert at Bridport Arts Centre for several seasons and the ensemble are delighted to have been invited back to perform. The concert is in partnership with the Centre as part of both Kokoro's and the BSO's commitment to delivering world-class classical music to Dorset's rural communities in more intimate venues.

The programme will feature works by leading British composers including Michael Nyman, Thomas Adès and the late Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, alongside a performance of Shostakovich's soul-searching Piano Trio No.2. Tickets are still available for what promises to be another inspiring concert from the South and South West's leading contemporary music ensemble.

Kokoro play at Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3NR, Saturday, January 14th at 7.30pm. Ticket Prices: £14 (concessions available); online and telephone bookings are subject to a transaction fee of £1.50. To Buy Tickets: Please visit BSOlive.com or call or visit the Bridport Arts Centre Box Office on 01308 424204

Fringe Legend plays 'The Iron Lady'

NOT merely a reflection on how to portray this lady but a live audience with Margaret Thatcher; Pip Utton IS The 'Iron Lady'! Saviour or witch? Love her or hate her? Not for Pip to decide, only to portray.

Pip Utton, a firm favourite on the Artsreach touring circuit in Dorset and a legend at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, has produced numerous spellbinding performances over recent years, including 'Churchill', 'Chaplin' and 'Charles Dickens'. Winner of The Stage Special Award for Acting Excellence in 2015, 'Playing Maggie, The Iron Lady' is his latest triumphant piece of new writing.

From 1979, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher divided the nation like no other politician; she changed the face of British, and perhaps world politics forever, and the effects of her influence and policies are still felt today. In this spellbinding and provocative performance, listen to her philosophies, her inspiration and her logic, and then take the chance to question her as Pip not only becomes Margaret Thatcher, but risks taking audience questions, and answering them as The Iron Lady herself!

Pip Utton brings 'The Iron Lady' to West Stafford Village Hall on Saturday, January 14th at 7.30pm - for more details call 01305 265282.

He then returns to Dorset with a performance at Shipton Gorge Village Hall on Friday, February 24th at 7.30pm - for more details call 01308 897562.

Meadow Fairs launching new Antiques, Collectables and Decorative Fair in Axminster

AXMINSTER Guildhall is set to host a series of new Antiques, Collectables and Decorative Fairs, with the first fair taking place on Saturday, January 28th.

Meadow Fairs, organisers of the event, have previously run successful fairs in Beaminster.

There will be a large number of stands which will include pictures, books, jewellery, silver, glass, china, textiles, needlework and small furniture.

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The New Elizabethan Singers will be joined by professional soloists and accompanied by an orchestra that includes a period brass section.

Tickets (£12, under 18s free) are available from Goadsby and Bridport Music, both in South St, and the performance will be in St. Mary's Church, Bridport on January 28th, starting at 7.30 pm

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UNTIL WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

LYME REGIS: New Year's Art Sale! Begin 2017 by treating yourself to an affordable piece of art created by local artists who regularly exhibit in the Malthouse and Courtyard Galleries at Lyme Regis's Town Mill. You'll be able to choose from a wide variety of subject matter and media, 2D and 3D, on display in this annual show. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse and Courtyard Galleries, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU www.townmillarts.co.uk

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11TH

DORCHESTER: Evergreens Cinema showing 'GI Blues' starring Elvis Presley. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served £1.50. Ice creams also available. At Age UK Dorchester. For more details call 01305 269444.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

FRIDAY JANUARY 13TH

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. 'Rousdon village life under the Peeks'. Illustrated talk by Nicky Campbell. Nicky will concentrate on the people who worked on the estate, and their families. The Peeks were exceptionally good landlords and employers who created a close-knit community until the break-up of the estate in 1937. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10.00am, talk at 11.00am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.
MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH

BRIDPORT: Allington Strings New Year Concert at 3pm at Sir John Colfox Academy, Ridgeway. Arturo Serna conducts the Allington Strings in a programme of light classical favourites including Pacelbel's Canon, Bach's Double Violin Concerto, Mozart's Divertimento no 2, Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No1, Gershwin's Love Walked In and Percy Grainger's Mock Morris. Tickets £10 (under 18s free) available on the door or in advance from Bridport Music.
WEYMOUTH: Osmington Antiques Fair at Osmington village hall. From 10am to 4 pm. Free entry, parking, disabled access and toilets. Food and refreshments available throughout the day. This is a friendly fair with a large selection of interesting items to browse through. The fair is held every 3rd Sunday of the month and new traders are always welcome. Please check availability first. Contact Lyn on 07879 497319

MONDAY JANUARY 16TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The Devon and Dorset Old Comrades Association meeting. The association meets every third Monday of the month at 11am at Haddon House in West Bay.

TUESDAY JANUARY 17TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Story of Sutton Hoo Ship Burial' speaker Mark Cottle. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club. Talk by acclaimed photographer Tony Worobiec: "The Art of Composition". 7.30pm Chancery House, Bridport, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 482658.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY JANUARY 19TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Chris Ireland-Jones on 'Bulbs for All Seasons'.
DORCHESTER: A talk will be given at St. George's Church Hall, Fordington, at 7.45pm. The speaker will be Brian Petit talking about "Zimbabwe: on the Wildside", An experience of a lifetime-a fantastic array of images of birds and other wildlife accumulated during many months. Admission £3 members, £3.50 visitors to include coffee and biscuits.

FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Members' Evening - Members Slide Shows. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.

SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST

BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'Ethel & Ernest' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door cost £4 for members of film club £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071.

MONDAY JANUARY 23RD

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BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

TUESDAY JANUARY 24TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Social Evening at Uplyme Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm. Bring and Share food, a light-hearted Quiz, Sweet pea planting and a Seed Swap - bring your spare seeds and exchange them for something you have never grown before. You will also have the chance to pay your subscription and collect a 2017 Events leaflet.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

WOOTTON FITZPAINE: Nick Hennessey and Suunta - Fire in the North Sky. At Wootton Village Hall, 7.30pm. Suitable for ages 12+. Tickets £9, under 18 £7, family £28. Self service box office at the Charmouth Practice, info 01297 560872.

MONDAY JANUARY 30TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club's last Monday of the month, with Chris Toyne providing ther music, at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club. No partner or previous experience required. Entry £4 on guest band nights. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.
BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

TUESDAY JANUARY 31ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

BRIDPORT: Bridport Library are starting a 'Reminiscence' group once a month. Join us for reminiscence, chat and company at Bridport Library. 2-3pm.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

DORCHESTER: The next meeting of the West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will be at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when there will be a talk from the Dorset Waste Partnership. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information. Membership subscriptions are now due.

Spring into 2017 with a new programme from Dorchester Arts

DORCHESTER ARTS is thrilled to confirm another jam-packed programme at Dorchester Corn Exchange to banish those winter blues. With big name comedians, music legends, rising stars, children's events and lots of theatre, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The music programme kicks of with Megson on Saturday, January 21st. This highly regarded duo have been nominated three times in the Radio 2 Folk Awards for their brilliant songwriting and northern humour. Folk fans have further treats in store with visits from Steve Knightley (March 8th), Ninebarrow (April 8th) and Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman (April 23rd). For Blues fans there's a fantastic double bill on February 11th when Jo Harman is supported by Elles Bailey, and the legendary Martin Harley is sure to please when he appears on March 25th with Daniel Kimbro. The season's big fundraising event is a Wild West Country Dance (March 3rd) with fantastic music and delicious food, and those who like to mix a little cider with their music should join Skimmity Hitchers and friends for a rollicking good night on April 28th.

Classical music comes from 11-piece ensemble Lavolta on January 22nd with a programme including works by Walton, Berio and Kurt Weill, and Swansea City Opera return on March 18th with A Night of Romantic Opera, an enchanting evening of arias including Puccini, Verdi, Bizet and Mozart.

There's plenty of jazz, starting with trumpet hero Enrico Tomasso alongside pianist Mike Denham (February 22nd), as Mike's Speakeasy events move from the County Museum to the Corn Exchange. On Friday, March 24th The Ronnie Scott's All Stars take to the stage in a visual and musical celebration of the legendary London club, and the jazz season is crowned with a rare chance to see Grammy nominee and vocal goddess Stacey Kent on April 22nd. With a visit from BRIT Award winning songstress Beverley Craven on Saturday March 11th this is a music season packed with treats.

Moving from music to theatre, David Bowie fans will not want to miss the opening theatre performance of the season: From Ibiza To The Norfolk Broads on Friday, January 27th is a powerful and darkly funny new play with a blistering Bowie soundtrack. Chekhov's Shorts on February 24th shows a different side of the great Russian author, proving that he was anything but glum all the time. Younger theatregoers will enjoy Thrive (March 10th), an exciting and immersive production tackling important issues for teenagers. We Are Bronte (April 21st) is a hilarious take on the world of the Yorkshire siblings, and An Elephant in the Garden brings another of Michael 'War Horse' Morpurgo's delightful tales to the stage during the Easter holidays (April 12th).

Comedy fans can look forward to a bumper crop of old and new faces, with youngster Zoe Lyons (January 28) followed by veteran Jenny Eclair (February 26th) and rising star of political comedy Matt Forde (April 1st) closely followed by veteran musical comic Richard Digance on April 6th.

For full listings and tickets visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or call Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926

Beverley Craven, March 11th

Chekhov's Shorts, February 24th

Bookends

Bookends to perform rescheduled tribute to Simon & Garfunkel this weekend

SIMON & GARFUNKEL: Through the Years performed by Bookends, comes to the Marine Theatre on Saturday, January 14th at 8pm.

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Please note: This is the rescheduled show due to the postponement of the November 12th concert.

Spring 2017 highlights at Dorchester Corn Exchange

Music ▶ **Megson** Sat 21 Jan

Opera ▶ **A Night of Romantic Opera: Swansea City Opera** Sat 18 March

Theatre ▶ **From Ibiza To The Norfolk Broads** Fri 27 Jan

Theatre ▶ **We Are Brontë** Fri 21 Apr

Comedy ▶ **Zoe Lyons: Little Misfit** Sat 28 Jan

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WE ARE spoiled in this area with the glorious countryside and miles and miles of stunning coastline. A crisp cold winter walk along the beach is one of the things I look forward to the most after spending time in the city and I try to get out and about as often as I can. While I was on one of my seaside jaunts last week I happened to walk past the broadcaster and fashion designer Fearne Cotton who spent New Year in Lyme Regis with her family. The TV star posted some gorgeous pics on Instagram of the mini break and alongside her husband (who happens to be the son of The Rolling Stones' Ronnie Wood) obviously really savoured her time spent in West Dorset. It made me think about how popular our local area is with celebrities. I think it's mostly because they can properly get away from the suffocating lifestyle of the city, without the hazard of being constantly hounded by paparazzi and hoards of fans.

Whenever I meet celebs, I tell with great pride about where I live. They're often really envious of my lifestyle and many regale me of beloved memories of visits to our local area. The acclaimed actor Martin Jarvis talked with huge affection about family holidays to West Dorset when I interviewed him last year. The Marine Theatre marked his first ever foray onto stage when, as a child he enjoyed one of the annual summer variety shows at the seaside venue.

Professor Stephen Hawking was spotted in Lyme last year and television presenter Jeremy Kyle frequents the town. I once walked past one of my showbiz idols, Julie Walters, in Mill Geeen and wished I'd had the courage to stop and talk to her. However, I believe one of the attractions for big name stars is the fact they can relax and not be bothered, so I would never impose myself in that way. That's the reason why I never get photos with the celebs I meet in London too. Asking for selfies and autographs isn't something that is appropriate in most of the situations in which I meet them and I'm sure if I were to start asking for photos, I'd soon find my work would start to dry up.

Another fan of Lyme Regis is Take That star Gary Barlow, who has visited the Alexandra Hotel on a number of occasions. I'm off to meet Gary next week and I'm taking local award winning photographer Richard Austin with me, so on this occasion, I should get some photographic evidence. With his new TV show Let it Shine premiering on BBC1 last weekend and The Girls opening in the West End in February, Barlow really is the man of the moment as far as the world of musical theatre is concerned. I'm hugely excited about interviewing Gary at the rehearsal for The Girls and about meeting some legends of theatre too, including Clare Moore (whose many theatre credits include playing the original Ellen in Miss Saigon) Joanna Riding (who played Julie Jordan in Trevor Nunn's epic National Theatre production of Carousel and Jane Smart in the original West End cast of The Witches of Eastwick) and the indomitable Michelle Dotrice, who many will remember for her fabulous portrayal of Betty alongside Michael Crawford in the classic television show Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. I've recently seen both actors on stage; Dotrice provided a huge helping of humour to the play Nell Gwynn alongside Gemma Arterton and Crawford tryed his best in the rather pedestrian musical version of The Go Between (I struggled to stay awake!). Anyway, I'll let you know how I got on with Mr. Barlow and the Calendar Girls next week.

This week I had a chat to the star of the stage version of Khaled Hosseini's The Kite Runner, Ben Turner, who is best known for playing Jay in BBC1's Casualty and who was utterly adorable. I also talked to Max Caulfield after a couple of failed attempts about a musical called Death Takes a Holiday (many will know the story from the film Meet Joe Black, which starred Brad Pitt and Anthony Hopkins). Max was in the cult film Grease 2 and it was really interesting talking to the 57-year-old actor about his varied career, which has been immensely successful, both here and in America.

I also had a fab, but cold evening at Richard Branson's opulent Kensington Roof garden and chortled at some up and coming stand up comics including Rhys James and Chris Stokes.

Next week I'm off to see the Kite Runner at the Wyndham's Theatre and I'm invited to watch a rehearsal of the Strictly Come Dancing 10th anniversary Live Tour, so I'll get to meet all of the stars including the 2016 champion Ore Oduba (although not his partner Joanne Clifton as she's currently touring the UK in Thoroughly modern Mille), former Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls and all of the professional dancers.

It's also the tech rehearsals for my pantomime in Axminster. I'm pleased to say I now know (most of!) my lines, so I've just got the dance steps, the songs and my general woodenness to work on. Ah well, I'm sure it will be all right on the night.

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The Kite Runner starring Ben Turner (centre) at the Wyndhams Theatre

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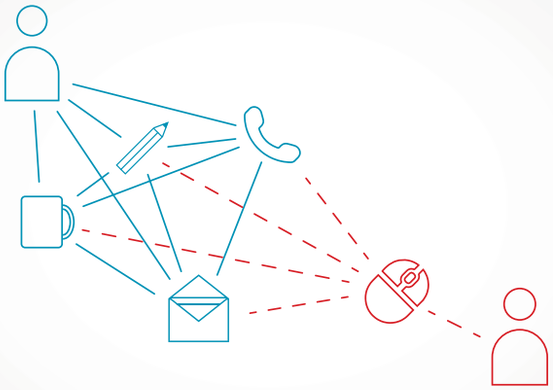

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When the President first rented their vacation home in December of 2008, he was just a few weeks from his inauguration as the first African-American president. The stock market was collapsing, unemployment was soaring, the housing market was in the early stages of an historic collapse and 195 people had recently died in four days of terrorism in Mumbai. A vacation in his native state, 5,000 miles from Washington, D.C., was one of President Obama's last chances to exhale before facing years of crises.

Each year, the President's vacation choice has been the once sleepy area of Kailua Bay on the windward side of the island. While the Obamas stayed at several different Hawaii homes, the place they rented from 2008 to 2012 was Plantation Estate at Paradise Point - located on a jut of land at the far end of the long crescent of Kailua Beach. Once favored by Hawaiian royalty for its views and natural beauty, it was later purchased by missionary Samuel Castle. The property stayed in the Castle family for generations and as late as the 1960s still was guarded by the family's Great Danes that would very effectively keep gawkers off the property. Today, it is one of the most luxurious beach resort locations in the world.

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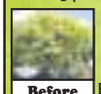

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New Jaguar F-TYPE debuts with world-first GoPro technology

ALREADY recognised as the most dynamically capable, performance-focused Jaguar, the F-TYPE sports car continues to evolve, with a fresh look, state-of-the-art infotainment system and world-first ReRun app that combines vehicle data with GoPro video to enhance the driving experience.

Since launch in 2012, Jaguar's all-aluminium two-seater has firmly established itself as the best-selling sports car in its segment in its home market and has won nearly 160 awards worldwide. The unrivalled balance of seductive design, stunning performance and outstanding dynamics has always made the F-TYPE unique, in a range that has evolved to include Coupé bodystyles, manual transmissions and intelligent all-wheel drive.

The new F-TYPE range offers even more driver-focused technology and a broader model range than ever, comprising 22 derivatives from the purist appeal of the rear-wheel drive, 340PS F-TYPE to the 200mph, all-wheel drive F-TYPE SVR – Jaguar's all-weather supercar.

Every F-TYPE now features the Touch Pro infotainment system. Its super-fast responses, intuitive tablet-style operation, intelligent navigation functions such as Share ETA and online services such as real-time traffic and live weather reports make every journey more rewarding and put a world of information at the driver's fingertips.

True enthusiasts will be able to capture and share their driving experiences using the new ReRun app developed in collaboration with GoPro. In a world-first, ReRun combines real-time video from the driver's GoPro with key vehicle performance data including speed, throttle position, gear selection, braking force and g force. The high quality video – including unique 'highlights' sections – can be downloaded to the driver's smartphone and shared on social media.

The F-TYPE's award-wining design is stronger and more focused, with clearer visual range differentiation thanks to model-specific front bumpers. Full LED headlights boost visual appeal still further and help improve driver safety and comfort.

"Great sports car design is about proportion and purity. The most challenging element of the process for designers is to focus on and maintain an exciting silhouette that promises performance. For the 2018 model year F-TYPE, we looked at how we could fine-tune key details to deliver even more clarity of purpose in the overall design – for the driver, the passenger and onlookers."

Ian Callum, Director of Design, Jaguar

The addition of lightweight slimline seats and new chrome and aluminium trim finishers heighten the driver-focused feel of the interior and perfectly complement the enhanced interior colour schemes including the Siena Tan leather option now available across the range.

To mark the introduction of the new F-TYPE range Jaguar has developed the exclusive 400 SPORT launch edition, which will go on sale worldwide but for one model year only. Power from the new 400PS version of the 3.0-litre supercharged V6 engine is complemented by an uprated chassis comprising the Super Performance braking system, Configurable Dynamics and 20-inch wheels with a unique Dark Satin Grey finish.

Distinctive Yellow and Dark Satin Grey 400 SPORT badges on the rear of the car and on the front splitter hint at the extra power concealed beneath the clamshell bonnet and perfectly complement the choice of Indus Silver, Santorini Black and Yulong White metallic paint. Interior design elements include 400 SPORT branding in the centre console, steering wheel, treadplates and embroidered headrests. Yellow contrast stitching features throughout the cabin.

18 Model Year introduces the R-Dynamic derivative proposition to the F-TYPE line-up. It is available as a 340PS V6 F-TYPE R-Dynamic and offers 19-inch wheels, LED Headlights, Exterior body styling with gloss black accents, interior console change and switchable active exhaust for £3,700 over the 340PS V6 F-TYPE. The 380PS V6 F-TYPE R-Dynamic replaces the 380PS V6S of today, and also incorporates these striking visual changes as well as coming with 20-inch alloy wheels.

Joining the F-TYPE's comprehensive suite of driver-focused assistance systems is a semi-automated park-assist function designed to make parallel parking in even the tightest of spaces quicker and easier. When passing a potential space, the car's ultrasonic parking sensors measure its length. If suitable, the system takes care of the steering: all the driver has to do is press a button, engage reverse and control the throttle and brakes. The system will also guide the vehicle out of the space when it's time to leave.

The new F-TYPE range in the UK will consist of:

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Vauxhall celebrates sales hat-trick with award-winning Astra

ROUNDING off last year in style, Vauxhall's multi award-winning Astra has celebrated a sales hat-trick by being number one in its segment in each of the last three months of 2016.

According to figures released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the Astra cruised to victory with 15,948 sold in the fourth quarter and a total of 32,313 sold between July and December 2016, making it the best-selling car in its segment in the second half of the year, too.

This sales momentum capped a superb year for Vauxhall's family hatchback, having built up an impressive list of accolades including 2016 European Car of Year, a game-changer award from Autocar and category wins at the Auto Express, What Car? and Fleet News awards.

In Scotland, Vauxhall was the largest selling manufacturer, according to figures released by the Scottish Motor Trade Association. Vauxhall has been number one in the region for the last nine years.

With over 10,000 sold last year, the Corsa was Scotland's best-selling car. The top-selling Corsa has been Scotland's best-selling car for seven out of the last eight years. Two other Vauxhall models featured in Scotland's top ten best-sellers, including the Astra in fifth place with 5,260 sold and the Mokka in tenth place with 3,843 sold.

And if that wasn't enough, Vauxhall is the number one supplier to Police fleets with a 70 per cent market share of competitive segments. A position it hopes to strengthen after opening the largest Police car factory in Europe at its manufacturing plant in Luton, Bedfordshire last year.

"The Astra is the best family car on the market," said Rory Harvey, Vauxhall's Chairman and Managing Director. "After winning a host of top awards, 2016 was the new Astra's first full year on the market and I am very pleased to see it top its segment in the fourth quarter and the second half of the year. Now we focus on 2017, with our best-ever product portfolio and five new models in the pipeline."

Vauxhall is set for a ground-breaking 2017, with a total of five major product launches that will add further variety to its range, already one of the largest in the UK, while at the same time entering new market segments. The five new models are the Insignia Grand Sport, Sports Tourer and Country Tourer, Crossland X and Grandland X.

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Redditch Utd	29	43
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Dunstable Town	28	39
St Ives Town	28	37
King's Lynn Town	25	35
WEYMOUTH	24	33
Stratford Town	28	33
DORCHESTER TOWN	29	32
Basingstoke Town	28	32
Kings Langley	28	29
Cirencester Town	30	24
Hayes & Yeading Town	27	22
St Neots Town	27	22
Cambridge City	28	20
Cinderford Town	28	11

Wessex Premier (42)	Pld	Pts
Moneyfields	27	63
Blackfield & Langley	26	54
PORTLAND UTD	25	50
Sholing	25	49
AFC Portchester	25	47
Team Solent	24	43
Brockenhurst	26	42
Horndean	24	39
Alresford Town	22	37
Newport IoW	26	35
Lymington Town	25	32
Amesbury Town	25	32
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	21	31
Bashley	25	30
Andover Town	23	25
Hamworthy Utd	26	25
Bournemouth	25	25
Cowes Sports	25	22
Fawley	28	21
Whitchurch Utd	24	20
Verwood Town	27	20
Fareham Town	24	19

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
BALTI SPORTS	20	49
Holt Utd	17	43
Swanage & Herston	18	39
Westland Sports	20	36
Hamworthy Recreation	19	36*
DORCHESTER SPORTS	18	35
Parley Sports	16	29
Merley Cobham Sports	14	27
Blandford Utd	18	26
Gillingham Town Res	16	25
BRIDPORT RESERVES	20	23
Sturminster Newton Utd	17	17
Wareham Rangers	17	15
Mere Town	20	14
Hamworthy Utd Reserves	19	11
Sherborne Town Reserves	18	9
Cranborne	19	3

Dorset Senior League (26)	Pld	Pts
Witchampton Utd	14	32
DORCHESTER SP RES	11	27
Milborne Port	15	25
Shaftesbury Town Res	8	21
Allendale	13	21
Corfe Mullen Utd	14	19
PORTLAND UTD RES	12	17
CHICKERELL UTD	13	17
Wincanton Town Res	12	16
Piddletrenthide Utd	12	13*
Poole Borough	13	13
Boscombe Polonia	11	10
Blandford Utd Res	13	8
Westlands Sports Res	9	1

Dorset League Div 1 (26)	Pld	Pts
Broadstone	13	28
Mere Town Reserves	12	26
AFC Blandford	11	26
Corfe Castle	11	23
Wareham Rangers Res	10	22
Wool & Winfrith	14	19
Canford Utd	13	18
Tisbury	10	16
Parley Sports Res	12	12
BALTI SPORTS RES	13	12
WEYMOUTH A	14	12
Swanage & Herston Res	10	10
PORTLAND UTD YOUTH	10	7*
PORTLAND TOWN	9	1

Dorset League Div 2 (20)	Pld	Pts
Allendale Reserves	12	30
Piddlehinton Utd	12	29
Broadmayne	12	22
Maiden Newton & Catt	11	19
PORTESHAM UTD	12	16
Sturm Newton Utd Res	11	16
Stalbridge	8	13
Owermoigne	11	13
CHICKERELL UTD RES	11	8
Broadstone Res	11	7
Milborne Port Res	9	4

Dorset League Div 3 (22)	Pld	Pts
Sturminster Marshall	14	37
Okeford Utd	14	32
Allendale A	14	23
South Cheriton Utd	14	22
Marnhull	12	17
AFC Blandford Res	15	17
Pimperne Sports Society	15	17
Donhead Utd	13	16
PORTLAND TOWN A	14	16
Handley Sports	10	14
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	13	10
Wool & Winfrith Res	12	9

Dorset Div Four (22)	Pld	Pts
Swanage RBL	13	34
CHICKERELL UTD A	13	29
BRIDPORT A	10	23
PORTLAND TOWN B	13	22
Corfe Castle Res	11	19
Lytchett & Upton RT	12	17
Marnhull Res	9	12*
PORTESHAM UTD RES	13	11
Shillingstone	12	7
Crossways Spitfires	13	7
Wincanton Town A	10	5*
Wool & Winfrith A	7	2*

Dorset Football

WITH STUART BROOM & HOWARD LARCOMBE

Cruel decision robs Magpies

Dorchester Town 0 Banbury Utd 1
EvoStik South Premier – att; 491

A CRUEL penalty decision by referee Lee Rutter five minutes from time put a dampener on new manager Craig Laird's first game in charge of Dorchester Town at The Avenue on Saturday.

Rutter adjudged that Neil Martin had deliberately handled a fierce cross from Marvin Martin as the battling Magpies, who took a point at Basingstoke on Bank Holiday Monday, looked as if they would earn another draw against fancied opposition Banbury United.

It seemed harsh justice after Dorchester, missing Matt Oldring who was ill, and Sol Ayunga suffering from a damaged toe, from Monday's game, had left Laird with an almost threadbare squad, had held a side boasting thoughts of promotion after having gone unbeaten and with four wins in their last five games.

The heavy pitch following overnight rain made conditions difficult for both sides, and as the ground cut up and the surface deteriorated, both signs had problems making and receiving passes.

Attempts on goal were few and far between with Dorchester having the first effort on eight minutes when Franklyn Clarke found Ben Wood with a glorious sweeping pass.

When his cross took a deflection off a defender's head, Lewis Morgan was quick to adjust but his looping header dropped just over the crossbar.

Five minutes later a diagonal ball was played into no man's land on the edge of the home penalty area by Callum White, but keeper Shane Murphy had anticipated well, and raced from goal to clear with a sliding tackle from the inrushing Conor McDonagh.

The Puritans first effort on goal didn't come until midway through the half when White pulled the ball back from McDonagh, but his low drive past the outside of the upright.

Almost immediately Clarke lost possession in midfield giving Banbury a run on goal, but the former York City player redeemed himself by getting back quickly to block Jack Self's initial shot and his follow up.

Banbury picked up the pace after interval and Jack Westbrook made a hash of a free header from a free kick, before Martin Ofuso meekly fired straight at Murphy. Self then saw his effort beaten away by the Magpies glovemen.

Magpies skipper Nathan Walker completely dominated Ofuso to the point that midway through the half, the ineffective striker, who had been highly lauded by the Puritan's radio team before the match, was replaced by the much more dangerous Darius Browne.

Dorchester threats on goal were sporadic, but following a good turn and pass from Tom Blair, an outstretched toe stopped Billy Mitchell, making his first start for the first team stopped him getting a run on goal.

Then Wood who had battled well up front on his own all afternoon was eventually crowded out as he tried to make space.

The ball was quickly switched to the other end and Browne almost got the breakthrough, but his angled shot grazed the post and hit the stanchion high up.

As Dorchester tired Banbury continued to look for openings, and they got the break five minutes from time.

The ball was swept wide to Marvin Martin who jinked past Jason Brookes and cut along the byeline before firing in a fierce low cross at the near post towards the covering Neil Martin.

The force of the ball struck Martin in the chest and knocked him over and Rutter, immediately pointed to the penalty spot.

The force of the cross from barely 12 yards turned Martin so he was facing the crowd behind the goal, obscuring Rutter's view from 15 yards away, but the Poole official was adamant.

Substitute Mark Bell stepped up to fire the spot kick into the roof of the net handing Banbury, despite winning the game on points, an undeserved victory.

Lucas believes Laird is the way forward

DORCHESTER Town chairman Matt Lucas declared himself and the club happy with Craig Laird as their choice to replace Mark Jermyn as manager.

The appointment, made on New Year's Day, saw the former Bridgwater Town, Weston-super-Mare and Yate Town boss take charge of his first game in charge against Banbury United last Saturday at The Avenue, which the Magpies lost to a late disputed penalty.

Speaking with *View Sport* the chairman said: "We were very pleased with the superb number of high calibre applications for the vacant manager's job, but we felt Craig was just what we wanted at the moment to guide us forward for a number of reasons.

◆ **PLEASED WITH APPOINTMENT:** Matt Lucas

"He offers the club experience, a wealth of contacts which he has accrued over many years in football, and a very good reputation as to the style of football his teams play.

"We have received lots of positive comments from a lot of different people to the appointment, and I believe he will prove to be an excellent manager for us."

Lucas also reported excellent feedback from the players on their new boss: "I always go down to training and from the players perspective the feedback after the first training session was really positive. They appeared to have really taken to him, which was great to hear."

He also felt that his positive style of play could encourage the crowds back to The Avenue.

"He's got a very clear and firm philosophy of playing a positive style of football which we hope will stimulate the public, and bring supporters in. We can only be as competitive to a certain extent as to what the community will allow us, and so if we can add to our gate, which is absolutely imperative, then it can only be a good thing."

Lucas added: "When change comes about, however that may be, you have to look what the club needs at any particular time, and the fact that Craig does have a vast number of contacts I think is going to help us. The players have also already warmed to.his clear beliefs as to how he wants to play.

"We all have to be as positive as we can and get behind Craig."

Laird's immediate task is to add to the squad which was already stretched with the departure of Jermyn, his assistant Nick Crittenden, Jake Smeeton and the return of loanees Ollie Bassett and Joe Lea to Yeovil Town.

Asked if a 3G pitch was still one of the club's objectives to alleviate the problems regarding the playing surface, something Laird has asked the club to investigate, the chairman said that a lot of time had been spent looking into the feasibility of a 3G pitch, and that progress had been made with the possibility of receiving grant aid from a variety of sources, but to date there was no positive news.

"It is something we would like to bring, and are anxious to progress the project, but at the moment there is nothing I can report except that the amount of work we have done shows our intentions.

"We obviously want to help Craig and the team by providing better facilities, and if there is anything we can do to enhance the pitch then we are willing to try.

"Whilst the surface has held up much better this season so far, we are aware we need to address the problem."

◆ **BRAGGING RIGHTS:** Dorchester Rugby Club's 1st XV pictured after the recent 46-3 victory over local rivals Weymouth in the 'Ridgway Rumble' at Coburg Road. Line-up, standing; Dave Cottell, Joe Underhill, Tom Evans, Adam Makepeace, Lee King, Greg Hallett, James Newsam, Steve Tucker, Dave Clarke, George Foot; Toby Waddington, James Baker, Jamie Morgan, Rich Deakin. Front; Cameron Lynch, Matt Antell, Luke Robson, Callum King.

Carmichael clincher

Lymington Town 1 Portland Utd 2
Sydenhams Wessex Premier

A LATE Ross Carmichael header saw Portland United come from behind to maintain their third place position at Lymington last Tuesday.

After an even opening 20 minutes, home keeper Ross Casey turned a low shot from Blues' Lewis Clarke into the side netting in the only real clear cut chance of a low key first half.

The hosts broke the deadlock early in the second period when Lewis Packham, who was to have an eventful evening, tapped in a low cross giving Portland keeper Jordan Mullis, standing in for the unavailable Sean Lillington no chance.

But the Blues rolled their sleeves up and leveled 20 minutes from time when Lewis Clarke's low 20-yarder squirmed under Casey and into the net.

But the home gloveman atoned moments later with a magnificent one-handed stop to keep out a thumping Lewis Whyton header from a corner.

Packham was then in the spotlight at the other end - this time for the wrong reason as he was shown a straight red card for an elbow during some jostling at a free kick.

Amazingly The Linnets man was then shown a yellow card for taking too long to leave the pitch having stopped to remove his socks and shin pads!

Portland grabbed the winner near the end when Ross Carmichael netted with a fierce header via the underside of the crossbar.

***Portland United**; Jordan Millis, Ash Smith, Crit Clarke, Ross Carmichael,Lewis Whyton, Ross Doidge, Tom Richardson, Max Buckler, Lewis Clarke, Darren Watts, Ryan McKechnie. Subs; Alex Halloran, Alex Godfrey, Tom Bearwish.*

Blues sunk under a cloud

PORTLAND United's home fixture with AFC Portchester on Saturday was called off an hour before kick-off due to low cloud!

Manager Gary Bailey confirmed that cloud which had descended on the island earlier meant that visibility at Grove Corner was such that it was impossible to see beyond the halfway line when stood at the clubhouse end of the pitch.

Having checked weather reports that suggested this would not change, the officials postponed the game.

Neither side lost their positions although leaders Moneyfields and second placed Blackfield & Langley increased their advantage with wins.

Sholing could only draw with lowly Fawley, so are still one point behind the Blues who are third, and two ahead of AFC Portchester, all having played the same number of games.

Portland travel to Blackfield & Langley next Saturday.

Basketball

Young Raiders up to 2nd spot

Weymouth Raiders 53
North Devon 50

THIRD placed Weymouth Raiders' league match against second placed North Devon always promised to be a close match.

As they headed off to Exeter the Raiders squad depleted due to injuries and other commitment, had six players aged under 16 in their squad of 10.

Raiders' Alex Legg opened the scoring by drawing a foul and making one of his two free throws. Raiders defence was solid in the first quarter which they finished leading 12-5.

In the second quarter Raiders got into a great rhythm, with their offence catching up to their high level defence.

The highlight was Kieron Scott, one of the under 16 players making a three-point play with his first touch of the ball. Weymouth Raiders closed out the first half 33-14 in front.

In the third quarter the Raiders took their foot off the gas with the intense defence and free flowing offence of the first quarter coming to a sudden halt and North Devon capitalised closing the gap to nine points.

Raiders' coach Samuel Brown took a time out to hopefully swing the momentum of the match back in his team's favour.

There was a slight improvement with Brad Morgan, another of the under 16 players, scoring the final five points of the quarter increasing the lead to 11.

In the final quarter Scott White, Josh Westlake and Alex Legg scored all of Weymouth's points as the lead was extended to 17 points with two minutes left.

With the lead now looking insurmountable, coach Brown decided to bring on the under 16 players who had not played much in the game so far.

This nearly proved costly with North Devon pouncing on the inexperience of the players Raiders had on court and they closed gap to within three points, but the Raiders held on to leap frog their opponents and up to second in the league.

Details ; A Legg 14, J Westlake 14, S White 9,B Morgan 5, H Ackerly 3, K Scott 3,E Goring 2, L Weaver 2, K Houlden 2, K Tissera.

Exeter & Dist Div 3	P	W	Pts
Broadclyst	15	13	28
WEYMOUTH RAID'	14	9	22
North Devon	14	8	22
Exeter University III	12	4	16
Tiverton Titans	12	0	12
Devon Peelers	9	2	9

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Dorset Football

Town take a tonking!

SENIOR LEAGUE

LEAGUE leaders Witchampton won 3-1 at home against Corfe Mullen Utd with goals from Dave Perry, Jason Shearing and Jamie Edwards while Mike Corbet netted the Corfeconsolation.

DORCHESTER SPORTS RESERVES won 2-1 away at Piddletrenthide Utd with Neil Calloway on target for the hosts.

Shaftesbury Town Reserves won 2-0 away at Allendale while CHICKERELL UTD proved too strong for visitors Portland Utd Reserves and eased to a 5-1 win with goals from Nick Etherington, Aaron Ryan, Matt Harvey, Warren White and Neil Dewey.

Blandford Utd won 3-1 away at Westlands Sports Reserves where William Stobbs scored for Westlands.

Meanwhile, Grzegorz Kowaczyk, Karol Borowski, Karol Bednarowski, and Florinel Bujor all netted for Boscombe Polonia as they won 4-2 at home against Poole Borough.

DIVISION ONE

BROADSTONE moved to the top of the table with a 5-1 home win against WEYMOUTH A. Dan Frisby (2), Mike Todd, Ciaran Miller and Ciaran Cuddy all scored for Broadstone.

Second placed Mere Town Reserves won 3-1 away at Balti Sports Reserves while Wareham Rangers won 5-1 , also on their travels, at PORTLAND UTD YOUTH. Bryn Lewis scored for Portland.

DIVISION THREE

LEAGUE leaders Sturminster Marshall mauled visitors PORTLAND TOWN A 11-0 while four goals for Chris Wareham and one for Ashley Rowland saw Okeford win 5-1 at home to South Cheriton.

DIVISION TWO

TOP of the table Allendale Reserves thrashed Milborne Port Res 7-1 with goals from Harry Vivian (2), Josh Wrixton (2), Jack Avery, Kierean Phillips and Sean Steele. Joe Boon scored for Milborne.

Second placed Piddlehinton won 4-0 at home against Sturminster Newton Reserves with goals from Adam Barratt, Lucas Allen, David Weldon and Elliott Brerley.

Stalbridge visited Broadmayne and won 3-1 with Dan O,Rourke scoring for Broadmayne. Meanwhile, An OG, Chucky Taylor and Tom Ryan were enough for Chickerell Utd Reserves to win 3-2 away at Owermoigne.

Matt Croxson (2) and Aaron Ryan scored for PORTESHAM UTD as they won 3-2 against visitors Maiden Newton and Cattistock.

DIVISION FOUR

BO Herrington, Ben Tattersall and Scott Green all scored for league leaders Swanage RBL as they won 3-2 at home to Shillingstone.

CHICKERELL UTD A won 2-0 away at Marnhull Reserves with Dillon Ackerman and Matt Stickland both getting on the scoresheet.

Lychett & Upton Red Triangle won 4-2 at home to PORTSHAM UTD RESERVES with goals from Nigel Cowler (2), Steve Terry and Maverick Nightingale.

Finally, PORTLAND TOWN B beat visitors Wool & Winfrith A 5-1courtesy of strikes from Matt Brown (2), Ryan Martin, Jack Stone and Joe Atkins.

Bowls round-up

Bridport swamped by Five Rivers

BRIDPORT's men were well beaten 52-108 overall in the Wessex League against FIVE RIVERS (Salisbury).

However, despite the crushing defeat, they did pick up two points with a 23-22 win by Roger Cowmeadow, Bill Payne, Stephen Grier and Brian Rumble at Salisbury. Trailling 17-22, a magnificent six count on the final end saw them home.

Brian Iversen, Ken Enticott, Martin Grier and Chris Thorne went down 10-23 in the second game in Wiltshire.

At home Bridport felt the full might of the Five Rivers young stars, and it was very much a crack commando unit against Dad's Army as Brian Baker, Mike Higman, Ken Sanger and Brian Conisbee were beaten 13-26, whilst Barry Mapson, Keith Jenkins, Dave Roberts and Bob Taylor were thrashed 6-37.

Bridport played hosts to AXMINSTER in a four rink mixed friendly. The visitors were on fine form winning all four rinks and an overall 52-84 victory.

Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Joyce Rendell and Dave Aylott were Bridport's best rink going down 13-17, whilst Sue Jenkin, Caroline Earwood, Harry Gray and Roger Cowmeadow dropped a five count on the final end to lose 11-19.

A one, five finish by their opponents saw Pam Gray, Brian Parker, John Davies and Mike

Parsons lose 16-24, and although Erica Sarson, Keven Rendell, Derek Earwood and David Jenkin were only 6-8 down at the tea interval, they finally lost 12-24.

AXMINSTER

AXMINSTER Indoor Bowls Club won their three mixed friendlies but suffered narrow defeats in their two County matches over the Christmas period.

The first of the friendlies saw us beat SIDMOUTH 67-57 at home with a winning rink of Malcolm Denslow, James Windsor, David Harris & Roger Legg (29-17) while the other rinks of Brian Downton, Mike Hennegan, Nigel Bond & Alfie Day and Brian Cursley, Glen Elliott, Neil Solomon & Derek Pheby were both unlucky to lose by just one shot.

Next we won 84-52 at BRIDPORT with wins on all rinks; John Ellis, Marion Harris, Malcolm Denslow & John Hill (24-12), Pam Hunter, Gerald Knott, Neil Solomon & Derek Pheby (24-16), Brian Cursley, Nigel Bond, Jean Kesterton & George Mabon (19-11) and Sue Bond, Andy Curtis, David Harris & Brian Clark (17-13).

◆ **WINNERS:** Reg Studley, Mrs Terri Pashen (Andy Parsons & Assosciates), Madge Churches (Club President) Philip Emeny, Alan McDine pictured after the recent triples tournament at Moonfleet BC.

We then beat the NOMADS 80-37 at home again with wins on all rinks; Phil White, Andy Curtis, George Mabon & Alfie Day (30-12), Steven Apsey, David Harris, Ann Clayton & Brian Clark (28-12) and Sue Bond, Nigel Bond, Jean Kesterton & Margaret Crompton (22-13).

In the County matches the Ladies were unlucky to lose their 'Lanes' match 66-65 against ISCA with both home rinks winning well - Phil White, Sue Bond & Ann Clayton (21-13) and Barbara Mowatt, Sue Rowe & Jean Kesterton (19-9).

On the same day the men lost their County Over 60s match with HONITON by just three shots with their only winners being the away rink of Malcolm Denslow, David Harris, Don Meylan & John Gough (25-11).

In the only other game played the Ladies lost their friendly 67-52 at SIDMOUTH despite the great efforts of Brenda Edwards, Gill Campbell, Alison Glyde & Margaret Crompton (29-11).

MOONFLEET

A RECENT sponsored competition for members at Moonfleet Indoor Bowls Club attracted 36 members who where drawn into 12 teams who then played on a round-robin basis before a knockout of the top four.

The winning team were; Reg Studley, Philip Emeny & Alan McDine. They were presented with their prizes by Mrs Terri Pashen of *Andy Parsons Associates* the ossponsors of the competition.

THE Government and Health Authorities are encouraging the public to Get Active, by taking up a form of sports activity.

Indoor Bowls is a sport for all ages from eight to 80 plus. It is of course played 52 weeks a year, no matter what the weather. It is a game for all abilities, from friendly to International, and at Moonfleet 2000 Indoor Bowls Club you can meet and mix with them all.

The Club, situated in a purpose built bowls hall at the Marsh Sports Ground just of Knightsdale Road in Weymouth, is holding an Open Day between 10am and 4pm on Saturday, January14th.

The club's Junior section also meet on Saturday mornings between 10am and 12pm.

The club has six specially adapted wheelchairs , which enables the not so nimble, to play the game

Being 'Clubmark' registered they are run in accordance with all National guidelines in regard to Child and Vulnerable Adult protection.

If, after attending the Open Day, you are still not sure if you would like to join the club, why not sign up for one of the five session, two hours per week beginners courses? These cost a total of £15.

For more information you can visit the website, www.weymouthindoorbowlingclub.co.uk or ring the club during office hours on 01305 759106.

Youth Cricket

Martinstown U14 maintain record

MARTINSTOWN U14 148-2 BEAT BERE REGIS 84-2 BY 64 RUNS

A DOMINANT Martinstown continued their unbeaten season with a 64 run win over Bere Regis.

Batting first, Martinstown openers Sean Williams (33*) and Jack Kane (34*) punished anything loose with positive stroke play as 60 runs came from the first five overs.

With both retiring, Bere's Jake Perch (2-0-19-2) had Coombes clean bowled for a duck as his team looked to impose themselves on the game.

Charlie Durant (29*) and Jon Samways (26*) kept the score ticking over at a good rate as Martinstown looked to post a decent total.

But the Bere bowlers never gave up and, combined with an impressive display in the field, restricted the final total to 148.

Chasing 149 for victory, Bere lost Jacob George (3) cleaned bowled by Durrant in the second over as they found runs difficult to come by against an accurate Martinstown attack.

Matthew Lappin (2-0-27-1) had Ollie Mayo (12) athletically caught by Coombes as the pressure built on the batsman.

Elliot Woodhouse (28*) held the innings together with a cultured innings containing some fine shots, but against a Martinstown attack with Kane only conceding eight runs off his two overs, and Durrant finishing with 3-0-21-1 the run rate continued to rise.

Samways (2-0-9-1) only conceded two off the penultimate over and the writing was on the wall.

Despite a valiant effort, Bere were beaten by 64 runs as Martinstown once again produced an excellent all round display.

School Sports

Youngsters in battle for netball supremacy

◆ **WINNERS:** Litton Cheney (left) and Loders teams at The Sir John Colfox School

◆ **WINNERS:** Stickland (left) and Broadwindsor teams that qualified at Beaminster School

FIFTEEN Bridport and Beaminster area primary schools took part in the annual Hi 5 netball tournaments recently, where 150 netballers, well prepared for the conditions battled it out at Beaminster School and The Sir John Colfox Academy. At Beaminster, Sticklands, Evershot and Broadwindsor schools came out on top whilst Thorners, Litton Cheney and Loders were the top two at TSJCA, and all four will now go on to the West Dorset Primary School finals to be held at Beaminster School on January 31st. The winners from that will go to the Dorset School Games on April 3rd.

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e January 7th.

Mixed Pairs
THE following players are through to the Mixed Pairs Final at Wootton Club on Friday, May 12th:
R Parsons & G Parsons, D Heath & R Bevis, D Rickard & J Rickard, A Rattenbury & B Rattenbury, E Bearpark & N Bearpark, J White & J White, J Wyatt & R Wyatt, A Gillings & D Gillings, S Rickard & K Bearpark.

Division One George Nomination Cup preliminary round
Anthill Mob 196 No Hopers 239.

Division Two Curtis Nomination Cup preliminary round:
Shakers 145 Trappers 190.
The winners play in next round of the George/Curtis Nomination Cups on Friday, February 3rd.

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
No Hopers	7	14	12
Marksmen	8	14	10
Flyers	8	12	4
Wreckers	8	6	8
Young Guns	7	6	8
Trappers	7	6	4
Anthill Mob	8	4	12
Clueless	7	4	2
Rousdon Rebels	8	2	8

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	6	11	8
President's Men	6	9	8
Miscellaneous	6	9	4
Alleytwits	6	6	8
Tornadoes	6	4	2
British Legion	6	2	4
Shakers	6	1	6

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobb	7	10	11
Skittso's	6	10	10
Rollercoasters	7	8	10
Hot Gossips	5	6	6
Smashers	7	6	5
Wild Pins	5	6	5
La Crème	6	2	2
Generations	7	2	1

East Devon short mat bowls

Evening D1	Pld	Pts
Beer	6	10
Sidbury Whites	4	7
Sidbury	5	6
Colyton	6	5
Upottery	4	4
Musbury	5	4
Seaton	6	2

Evening D2	Pld	Pts
Awliscombe	8	10
West Hill	6	9
Uffculme	7	8
Sidbury Reds	7	7
Ottery St Mary	6	5
Colyton B	6	1

Afternoon D1	Pld	Pts
Awliscombe	7	10
Colyton	7	8
Upottery	7	7
Beer	5	5
Ottery St Mary	6	5
Seaton Yellow	6	3

Afternoon D2	Pld	Pts
St Teresa's	7	8
Seaton Blue	6	8
Combe St Nicholas B	6	7
Chard	7	6
Sidford Blue	6	5
Lyme Regis	6	4

Afternoon D3	Pld	Pts
Hemyock B	7	8
Musbury	6	8
Seaton Green	6	7
Colyton B	6	6
Combe St Nicholas A	6	6
Sidford White	5	1

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	9	17
BSC	9	13
Nomads	9	13
Well Hung Clocks	8	11
Five Sticky Fingers	9	10
Hands of Time	9	8
Nags Head A	9	5
Noth'n But Treble	9	5
Les Miserables	8	5
Rubber Johns	9	1

180s; Tony Young & Terry Prowse x5, Nigel Lamb x4, Steve Garrett & Ryan Cross x3, six players x2, nine players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	9	15
One for the Vikings	9	13
The Stingers	9	12
Odds or Us	9	12
Respect-de-Bull	8	10
Elders	9	9
Dat Team	9	5
Otter Rotters	9	4
No Direction	8	4
Anchor Five	9	4

180s; Ashley Parker, Shane Parker, Dan Rawlings, Andy Reid & Stuart Alner all x2, 10 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	9	17
Poachers	9	15
Dart Vaders	9	12
The Surgeons	9	10
Midnight Runners	9	8
Anchor Vale Viewers	9	8
Tiger Bees	9	7
Flashes Fives	9	6
Royal Hawks	9	6
Time Bombs	9	1

180s; Paul Gumbrill x2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick & Danny Sorrell all x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	9	15
No Chance	9	13
Wicked Team Name	9	13
The Nameless	9	11
Whamo	9	10
-1-11	9	10
Odds & Sods	9	7
Sorted Odds	9	6
Hopeful Bashers	9	5
The Royal Nuts	9	0

180s; Andy Page, T.Bird, Micky Brock, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all x1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	14	26
Queens Bees	14	24
Arrows Awry	14	23
Sue's Rebels	14	18
Odd One Out	14	17
Clocking On	14	17
Queenies of the Club	14	15
Castaways	13	13
Against the Odds	14	9
Charlie's Angels	14	9
Don's Damsels	14	8
Good Mates	14	7
Drunking Aware	14	5
Tiger Stripes	13	3

180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all x1.

Bridport Crib

Table	Pd	Pts	BL
Durbeyfield	10	84	10
Anchor Inn	10	82	17
H & Anchor B	11	81	12
Oddfellows	11	81	14
Crown Inn B	10	79	16
Ilchester Arms	10	74	15
George, WBay	10	66	16
Crown Inn A	9	64	17
H & Anchor A	9	64	12

Lyme Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	6	15
Hunters Hot Pots	6	15
Wozo's Warriors	6	15
Smack the Rack	7	13
Drunken Sailors	6	10
Nags Head Trotters	7	9
Old Cobbies	6	3
Real Talbot	6	3
Ranger & Friends	6	0

Bridport FC

WITH STUART BROOM

Bees buckle under Balti barrage

Balti Sports 5 Bridport Reserves 0
Dorset Premier League

FOR 35 minutes Bridport Reserves matched league leaders Balti Sports in every department, defending well against a free scoring attack, and creating a few chances of their own to the point that the hosts were becoming frustrated and unsettled among themselves at their inability to break down a young Bees team.

Then disaster struck. Bridport, missing veteran assistant manager Simon Gale and top goalscorer Josh Hunter who was suspended, failed to defend a corner and Josh Houghton rose unchallenged in front of goal to head his side in front.

Having matched their opponents in every department, the goal took some of the wind out of Bridport's sails and the confidence drained away, and they trudged off at half time three goals down having conceded another two preventable goals to Ethan Devaney and Ricky Lane.

Things didn't improve after the break for the Bees as sub Danny Andrews added a fourth with Sean Zima completing the scoring.

Bees manager Shaun Annetts said: "I was feeling so proud of the lads for 35 minutes, and then in 10 minutes I went through the whole spectrum of emotions.

"Balti are a good side and they have a lot of offensive talent and did play well. After 35 minutes there was only one team in it and that was Balti who comprehensively beat us in the final 65 minutes, no doubt about it, so no complaints.

"I wasn't disappointed with individual performances; no one let me down. We lost to a far superior, stronger, quicker, physical team and I believe Balti will challenge right to the end of the season.

"Apart from Hamworthy United who loaded their side with some first team players, I don't think we have played a better team.

"If we could replay this game in a year's time with exactly the same squads of players, I think the score would be completely different.

"Our lads would have got stronger, be a little more streetwise and more physical, and I think the fixture wouldn't give the same scoreline."

Things don't get any easier for Bridport this Saturday as they host Holt United who are running Balti close for the title.

New Year brings first loss

Corfe Castle Reserves 2 Bridport A 0
Dorset Division Four

WHETHER it was the curse of New Year, or the weight of being the only unbeaten side in Dorset Division Four, but Bridport A suffered their first reverse of the campaign when they were soundly beaten by Corfe Castle Reserves.

Manager Mark Scadding is hoping however that the disappointing display will serve as both a reminder and a boost to his young side, now that the record has gone.

He said: "After this disappointing display they won't have to worry about that anymore. Maybe this was the reason for such a below par display, or more likely, the fact they came up against a team that on the day wanted the three points that much more."

From the first whistle Corfe showed more passion and belief in themselves than the young visitors apart from Man of the Match Jamie Herbert, who played his heart out.

However, the rest of his colleagues looked shell-shocked at the aggression with which Corfe played. Craig Nutthull and Ashley Billings grabbed the hosts goals.

The Bees only tested the home keeper once throughout the game, and Scadding was disappointed with his side's inability to win many dropping balls or tackles.

He said: "This will be a tough result for the lads to swallow, but it's a defeat they will quickly have to get over and firmly put behind them."

Next week they entertain Lychett & Upton Red Triangle, where a massive improvement will be needed to get the new year back on track.

Hall takes League title as Hoot retires

DESPITE winning the final match of the WBSA Junior Section Jurassic League, which helped elevate Jamie Salvador-Swords to third, it was Robbie Hall that consistently performed during the four match competition held over the last two months of the year to claim the overall title.

In taking the Jurassic League Trophy, Hall's four match haul of 1513g was almost twice that of runner-up Jack Parkman (834g) with Salvador-Swords third with 499g.

Jurassic League Results (overall): 1st Jurassic League trophy: Robbie Hall 1513g

2nd Jurassic League runner-up trophy: Jack Parkman 834g, 3rd Jamie Salvador Swords 499g, 4th: Harry Courtice 364g, 5th Ewan Chambers 357g, 6th Owen Swatridge 355g, 7th Caolan Ayers 350g, 8th Eden Lynham 297g, 9th Ollie Butler 273g, 10th Abbie Button 104g, 11th Fin Davies 53g, 12th Aaron Chambers 41g.

There was a slight concern over how many might attend the last event on Christmas Eve, but there was a healthy turnout of 12 junior members.

Despite plenty of baits in the water, fishing proved to be rather slow until Salvador Swords landed a sizeable flounder of 335g to give him a strong early lead.

With nearly half the entry ending the match with no fish at all, Ollie Butler offered the only real challenge with a sizeable rockling and pout, but was pushed into third spot by Jamie Swatridge with the best pollock of the season and indeed a junior species league record weighing 294g.

As junior matches are always fished during midday, it was very unusual to see a pollock of this size. All fish were returned to the sea.

Result: December 24th - East Pier West Bay: 1st Jamie Salvador Swords 335g (355g sizeable weight), 2nd Owen Swatridge 355g

◆ **WELL DONE:** Outgoing junior secretary Roger 'Hoot' Guppy presents Robbie Hall with his League title award

(294g sw), 3rd Ollie Butler 273g (273g sw), Heaviest flat: Jamie Salvador Swords 355g flounder, Heaviest round: Owen Swatridge 294g Pollack, 1st fish: Jamie Salvador Swords, Last fish: Owen Swatridge, Heaviest weever: none; rolled over prizes went to heaviest of year, Owen Swatridge, Most species: Tie; Ollie Butler, Abbie Button and Owen Swatridge, First fish: Jamie Salvador Swords, Last fish: Owen Swatridge, Wooden spoon: Ewan Chambers.

Sponsors on the day: Hilary Smith, Punch and Judy Bakery, Watch House Cafe, Kay Guppy, Richard 'Tiny' Daw and Andrew Fowler.

Hoot retires as junior secretary

THE presentations at the Salthouse after the match were especially poignant as it marked the retirement of the junior secretary Roger 'Hoot' Guppy.

Hoot's involvement with the junior section started back in 1995 when he assisted the then junior secretary Ian Draper, before taking over the role himself in 2005.

Richard 'Tiny' Daw paid special appreciation to him for all his hard work over many years before presenting presents and a voucher from the juniors, parents, members and friends and also an enormous cake from Steve and Sally Lawrence at Punch & Judy.

Roger thanked everyone for their kindness and generosity including Richard Daw for all the help and assistance he had contributed to the junior section.

The new junior season starts again in April where new junior secretary Paul Lynham will be taking the helm. For more details see the club's website or visit the Angling Centre West Bay.

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the family subscription rate; for more details contact the Angling Centre West Bay or visit the club's website.

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWTER

Promotion for Gerrard after six-shot win

Men's Section
CONDITIONS were ideal for golf on Sunday for the Men's January Medal resulting in some pretty spectacular scoring and a number of handicap reductions.

There were 68 starters and 12 men came in with nett scores in the 60s.

The lowest score of the day came from Grant Gerrard in Division Two with a nett 62 and his score of 76 was only one short of the lowest gross of the day. His handicap has now been cut to 11.6 which awards him promotion to Division One.

With a more than respectable nett score of 68 Doug Miners was no doubt surprised to find himself six shots in arrears to take second place.

Scores were closer at the top of Division One where Gary Edwardes with a nett 64 took the top spot by one stroke from Marc Harwood.

The same two nett scores also headed Division Three which was won by Don McAllister. Nathan Dunford in that division with a handicap reduction is now promoted to Division Two.

Results
Division One; 1st Gary Edwardes 75-11=64, 2nd Marc Harwood 77-12=65, 3rd (acb) Barry O'Mahoney 76-9=67.

Division Two; 1st Grant Gerrard 76-14=62, 2nd Doug Miners 81-13=68, 3rd Dave Smith 85-16=69.

Division Three; 1st Don McAllister 85-21=64, 2nd Mannie Wellman 85-20=65, 3rd Terry Cleal 86-19=67.

Gerrard and McAllister received two stroke handicap cuts. Edwardes, Harwood, Dunford and Wellman were each cut by one stroke.

Veterans Section
ANOTHER fine day for the veteran's Thursday competition only a very cold one, especially the first hour or so.

The competition was the third round of the Winter Shield – a Stableford off the yellow tees.

Forty-eight players braved the cold and the scores seem to indicate that the lower handicap section were less affected by the conditions.

The two top men in Division One carded the best scores of the day by quite a margin and both were awarded a one shot handicap cut.

George Brown was the winner with a fine 40 points with Jimmy Gbadebo coming second with 38. Mick Kelson took Division Two with 34 points.

Results
Division One; 1st George Brown (12) 40 points. 2nd Jimmy Gbadebo (12) 38, 3rd Jim Thorpe (16) 35, 4th (acb) Tony Burt (16) 33.

Division Two; 1st Mick Kelson (22) 34 points. 2nd Dave Buckland (21) 33, 3rd (acb) Gil Roberts (25) 31, 4th (acb) Peter Croker (28) 31.

Bridport Skittles

CUP Fixtures
Mixed Pairs (R2)
Tonight, January 11th
Loders Arms - K&L Groves; M Gudge & S Newman; E&N Tuck; S Gale & N Broad; M&E Hooper; T&S Luter; C Willcox & T Cornish; S Beal & J Cake.

Mens Individuals (R2, eight winners)
Tuesday, January 17th
West Dorset Club - M Horton; H Tompkins; D Tuck; C Taylor; N Pye; H Mills; A Paulley; S Light; G Brooks; M Huxter; D Cowburn; S Pitcher; A Northover; F Pomeroy; P Scott; S Lee; R Herbert.

Ladies Individuals (R1, no byes)
Wednesday, January 18th
Bridport FC - G Legg; S Yeatman; M Paulley; E Hooper; H Doble; S Newman; C Lambert; K Tuck; J Cake; J Brooks; C Huxter; M Hansford; S Luter; J Symes.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	10	19
Rockets	10	14
Denhay	10	12
Nelson Nobblers	10	12
Rejects	10	12
Masters	10	11
Wanderers	9	10
Rough Eight	10	8
Broadoak	10	6
Slingers	10	6
U Know the Blokes	9	6
Lively Lads	10	2

Division B	Pld	Pts
The Dingles	10	15
Miss the Ball	9	14
Countrymen	9	10
Outsiders	7	9
Bangers	9	8
Lost in Time	8	8
Originals	9	8
Survivors	8	8
Castouts	9	6
Dingbats	6	4
Aussies Lot	8	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	10	20
NBC	10	16
LHS	10	14
Pioneers	10	12
Wickers	10	12
Unknowns	10	10
Brandy Snaps	10	8
Whiskey Chasers	9	8
Groundhogs	9	6
Yo Yo's	10	7
Stingers	10	5

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	10	20
Alleycats	10	16
Strawpeedoes	10	16
BFC	10	14
Featherbeds	9	12
Let em Roll	9	10
Firebirds	9	8
Hidden Talent	8	6
Offcuts	9	4
Pinbashers	8	4

Lyme darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	9	18
Nags Head A	9	18
Clockadoodledoo	10	14
Royal Standard	8	10
Hunters Lodge	8	8
Talbot Arms	7	8
Rock Point A	6	8
Nags Z	8	7
Four Play	8	7
Cobb Arms	8	4
Janners	9	2
Half an Octopus	9	2
See you Next Thurs	7	0

180s: T.Prowse 4, B.Grainger &T.Young both 2, eight players x1.

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INSIDE: Raiders move up to second place

Jevons boost for Terras

St Neots Town 0 Weymouth 4
Evo-stik South Premier - att; 296

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WEYMOUTH continued their climb up the Evo-Stik South Premier League with an easy victory over a hapless St Neots Town who occupy one of the relegation spots.

Manager Jason Matthews had gone into the game looking for a win to reach his target of seven points from the last three games, and having unexpectedly dropped points in the 2-2 home draw with Biggleswade Town, he needed a win to achieve his aim.

As it was he needn't have worried as the Terras swept to a comfortable win, which saw them move up to 15th and with games in hand an opportunity to move in the top half of the table.

With Ben Thomson ruled out through injury, Matthews gave Conor Jevons a start, and he justified his inclusion by kick starting Weymouth's second half display with a goal two minutes after the resumption.

Weymouth had taken the lead in the 17th minute when Jordan Copp headed home an Aaron Rodriguez cross at the far post. He looked for another soon after but his 25-yard effort sailed over the top.

Chris Shephard was then thwarted by Saints keeper Alex Archertwice in two minutes. First he turned the winger's 30-yard screamer on to the crossbar before holding another firm effort.

He was soon in the action again when he turned a Copp effort around the post, before holding a deflected shot from Shephard to keep his side in with a chance at the interval.

However Jevons doubled the Terras advantage two minutes in when he nipped in front of a defender to poke Copp's cross home.

Such was Saints demise that when an opportunity presented itself, Declan Rogers shot well wide.

With three pairs of fresh legs on the pitch midway through the half, Weymouth continued to dominate and they added a third 12 minutes when time when one of them, Charlie Davis, provided the cross for Dean Evans to nod home.

Then, in added time, another substitute Stuart Fleetwood completed the scoring to secure back-to-back 4-0 victories for Weymouth.

The Terras had the chance to improve their position last night when they entertained fifth placed Chippenham Town.

Former WWE superstar at Weymouth

ULTIMATE Pro Wrestling celebrate their 2nd Anniversary at the Riviera Hotel in Weymouth on Thursday, January 19th.

This evening of family friendly wrestling entertainment will be headlined by former WWE superstar Cody Rhodes as he faces current UPW World Heavyweight Champion Iestyn Rees.

In addition one of the hottest talents in UK wrestling and the current RoH TV Champion the "Villain" Marty Scurll will be in action.

Plus there will be two huge tag-team contests as the Brothers Awe face the British Young Bloods and UK wrestling veterans Jonny Storm and Andy Simmonz go against the Legion of Lords.

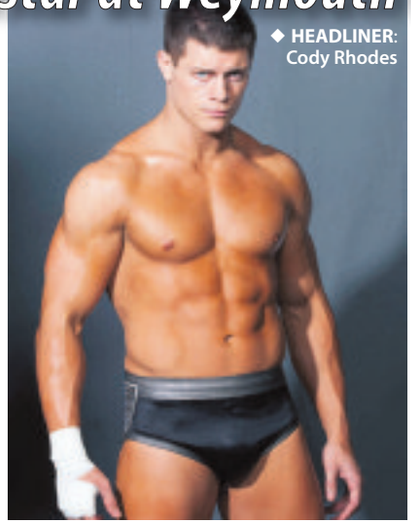
This supershow is packed from top to bottom with wrestling stars in what will be UPW's biggest show to date.

Tickets, priced at £12.50 per adult and £5 per child, are available from Skiddle.com by searching "UPW."

A limited amount of tickets will be available on the door on the night.

Doors open at 7pm and the show starts 7.30pm.

More information can be found at www.facebook.com/ultimateprowrestling



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